NEW YORK (Petra) — Jordan on Friday urged the international community to work on ending the "ethnic cleansing" in the former Yugoslav republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina and for bringing to trial Serb militias responsible for such policies. In an address to the U.N. General Assembly, the Kingdom's permanent representative at the U.N., Adnan Abu Odeh, called on the international community to annul and reverse all the results of these policies and to affirm the right of the Bosnian refugees so return to their lands. Dr. Abu Odeb said the international community should also intensify its efforts and increase relief aid to the Bosnian people before the start of winter. He said that the Serbe should also be forced to lift the siege of Sarajevo and other Bosnian cities. The siege constitutes an obstacle in the face of peace efforts, he said. The arms embargo imposed on the Bosnian government contra-dicts the Bosnian people's right to self-defence though Article 51 of the U.N. Charter provides for this right, he said.

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# 21 die, 11 missing in flashfloods

King orders panel to study damages and compensation, donates JD 50,000

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Twenty-one Jordanians were killed and 34 others were injured in floods that swept the Kingdom during the week, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said Friday.

It said 11 people were missing as a result of the heavy rain, which swept away homes in various governo-rates in southern and eastern Tordan.

Petra qunted earlier In-terinr Minister Salameh Hammad as reporting 17 deaths. He did not specify the number of injured and missing Jordanians.

Although temperatures dip to much below freezing level during a three-month winter season that starts in late December, heavy rain and floods are rare in Jordan.

Scores of people were killed or injured in floods that hit Israel and the occupied territories as well as Egypt nn Wednesday and Thursday. His Majesty King Hussein

on Friday issued directives to the concerned anthurities to set up a committee to follow up the conditions of citizens residing in areas that were affected by the flashfloods with the aim of studying damages and offering compensa-

The King also annunced that he was making a person-al donation of JD 50,000 to people affected by the floods. The King delegated governnrs in the concerned areas tn nffer his condolences to the families of those killed by

the floods and issued direc-

tives to government depart-

ments to offer every possible care to the injured and to step up efforts to search for those missing.

King Hussein was all day Friday following with the conditions of citizens residing

in areas affected by the floods, Petra said. Mnre rain is expected Saturday in most regions of the country with heavy concentration in the northern areas, according to the De-partment of Meteorology Fri-

A department spokesman told the Jordan Times that Saturday's rains will he accompanied by a drop in temperatures to 18°C from 22°C on Friday as a result of a cold front moving in a nurth-westerly direction. Mr. Hammad said earlier 13 people died Thursday in Mafraq and Zarqa, two others died in Ma'an and another twn were

killed in Madaba. The seven

people missing were feared drowned in Zarqa where a river overflowed, the minis-Amnng the dead was 38-year-old Fawzieh Hadid who died when flund waters poured into Petra in the Ma'an governorate, according to the Civil Defence Department (CDD).
The CDD said that Ms.

Hadid's 35-year-old sister was saved, but suffered in-

Also amnng the dead was

18-year-old Khaldoun Issa Agaileb, who was killed when he was swept away by

the rising streams.

In Madaha, an unidentified citizen was reported to have died and his body was later fnund by local residents. In Jerash two children and a man were reported to have been carried away hy floods near Jisr Al Rumman district.

The Public Security Department (PSD) said that the heavy rain and floods swept away a bus full nf passengers and a small car in Qasr Al Hallabat area near Azraq, but all the passengers were pulled tn safety.

The PSD said that the pas-

sengers of another hus near Mafraq were left stranded by the flood waters; they were rescued later by Civil Defence teams.

The PSD said the rainfall in Mafraq, Balama, Ramtha and Zarga flooded scores of homes, cut off several villages and caused the destruc-

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The flooded Wadi Faran river in the Wadi Araba desert where nine Israeli bases on their way to Ellat were stranded

when torrential rains made driving impossible in a few minutes (AFP photo)

Residents of the southern Egyptian village of Dronka sit before the devastated landscape after huge oil tanks nearby exploded Wednesday sending rivers of fire through the community and killing over 500 people (AFP photo)

# Death toll nears 550 in Egypt flame-hit villages

CAIRO (Agencies) — The death toll in the southern province of Assiut rose to 541 Friday from an oil depot fire and torrential rains, police and hospitals said Friday. At least 481 bodies have

been recovered in the Assiut village of Dronka, after it was devastated by a fire at an oil depot there Wednesday.

On Friday alone rescue workers dug out 42 bodies from the Dronka debris. Rescue workers said they pulled nut 15 bodies from one bouse

Police said that 60 people died in torrential rains in nther parts of Assiut. They had previously said

that 35 people died in the The blaze was sparked when oil from an army depot caught fire, sending a river of

flame through Dronka. The rains which began ear-Wednesday caused huge floods that killed at least eight nther people in other provinces and left thousands

of people hameless. In the southern province of Sohag 495 kilometres south of Cairo, four people died in finnding, amnng them a

young girl, according to In the tnurist resort nf Taba along the Red Sea, a

# King phones Mubarak

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein on Thursday called Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, condoling him nver the death of over 500 Egyptians who were killed in southern Egypt as a result of floods and fire. President Mubarak thanked the King for his brotherly feelings and position towards the victims, the Inrdan News Agency, Petra said.

floods trapped ber tnur bus. Also in the Red Sea area: two school children were re-

ported dead. A student drowned in a ditch in Fayum pravince where rains lasted for more than 35 hours. Police said 200 penple

would be huried in a mass grave in Drnnka village Rescue workers will con-

tinue their search for bodies in Dronka fur 10 days, the bead of the Assiut amhulance services Ali Mohammad told

Rescue workers feared that hundreds of people remain under the charred ruins of Droka.

Rescue operations were hampered early Friday when a harrel nf oil exploded.
The rains carried dozens of barrels from near the Dronka nil depot through the village, Ali told AFP, adding that

British tourist died when the rescue warkers' main prinrity was to remove the barrels from the village to avoid another fire.

Accurding to Egyptian state television, the floods destroyed about 5,000 homes in southern Egypt, with 3,000 in Qena pravince alnne. Assiut lost 1,400 humes, the tourist city of Luxor 250, Sohag province 243, and

President Hosni Mubarak visited the disaster areas ou Local government nfficials

said the president stayed away from the village of Dronka where a sea of huming fuel from a storage depot killed more than 400 of the

The president discussed relief nperations with nfficials in the cities of Minya and Assiut and then saw a tented encampment in the village of

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## Jordan to host disarmament talks

AMMAN (AP) - Political and military experts from 20 countries, including Israel and Arab states, will meet in Jordan next week to discuss efforts to curb arms proliferation in the Middle East, an official said Friday.

Jordan's delegation to the conference, opening Tuesday at the Dead Sea, will be headed by Abdullah Tonqan, an official who took part in negotiations that led to the Jnrdanian-Israeli peace trea-. ty signed nn Oct. 26.

Dr. Tougan said Friday probe ways of cooperation between Arab and Israeli armies and "confidencebuilding measures among re-gional countries" in addition to arms control.

The three-day conference would produce recommendations to be presented to a larger parley scheduled to convene in Tunisia next month.

Arms control is one of several multilateral workships launched as part of the Middle East peace process three years ago. They include ones on refugees, environ-ment, water and economy.

The aim of these conferences is to eliminate areas of potential conflict and ensure Arab-Israeli conperation once a peace settlement is achieved.

Jordan signed a treaty with Israel on Oct. 26, becoming the second Arab country after Egypt to make peace with the Jewish state since the conflict developed in 1948. Israel and the Palestinians

accord, and are negotiating for a more comprehensive

But the Syrian and Lebanese tracks of the peace talks remain deadlocked, and the two countries have refused to take part in the multilateral workshops until progress is achieved in their bilateral negotiations with Isracl.

Speaking to the Associated Press, Tougan said that at next week's meeting Jordan

will seek information nn "Israel's unclear capahili-

"We bope that Israel, which has repeatedly denied its possessinn of nuclear arms, will acknowledge that at the meeting." he said.

Mr. Tongan said the conferees also will discuss the "exchange of military information, especially with regard to the nature of weapons

each army possesses." He said participants will "discuss conperation between naval and, ground forces among regional countries and other aspects related to regional security."

Dr. Tnnqan said next week's meeting will he attended by experts from Jnrdan, Israel, Yemen, Kuwait, Sandi Arabia, Egypt, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Mauritania, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman, The United Arah Emirates, the Palestinians, Turkey, the United States, Russia, Canada and Austra-

# Hamas protesters slam Arafat over carbomb killing in Gaza

Israel silent over allegations it engineered blast that killed Jihad leader

GAZA CITY (Agencies) — Some 6,000 Hamas supporters denounced Palestinian National Anthority (PNA) Chairman Yasser Arafat for making peace with Israel and challenged him to capture the killers of a fundamentalist leader in an angry march through Gaza City on Friday. All Palestinian factions, including Mr. Arafat's Fateb, have hlamed Israel for the marder of Islamic Jihad's Hani Abed, whose car was

blown up on Wednesday. Bnt Mr. Arafat has faced the wrath of Muslim militants, and Friday's protest followed his flight the previous day under a torrent of abuse from crowds at Abed's funeral, although be later received an apology from Islamic Jihad. Israel meanwhile kept si-

lent over allegations it was behind the killing, but Israeli commentators said the carbombing packed a powerful message for Palestinians. The message from the kill-ing was double-edged: Isla-

mic guerrillas could not act with impunity and Mr. Arafat had to elamp down on them. "Whether the perpetrators

are Israelis or Palestinians or both is a matter of pure speculation." said Juseph Alpher, head of the Jaffe Centre for Strategic Studies

"But the message is the same and the message comes on the backdrop of Arafat's lack of political will to deal properly with terrorisits the more you (Arafat) wait,

going to happen," be told Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told reporters on Friday that Mr. Arafat had to "prevent (self-rule) areas from being used as a launching hase for terrorist attacks inside Israel."

the more such incidents are

Israel, rocked by the kidnapping and death of an Israeli soldier last month and a suicide bus attack in Tel Aviv that killed the bomber and 22 people, has vowed to fight "terrorists" anywhere,

anytime. No one has claimed responsibility for Abed's death. Leaders of the PLO joined Islamic Jihad and Hamas in blaming Israel. Israeli officials have de-

clined comment. The Haaretz daily, in an editorial titled "terror and punishment," recalled the

way Israel bnnted down Palestinians it linked to the massacre of 11 Israelis at the 1972 Munich Olympics and killed them one by one. In one case, a Moroccan waiter mistaken for a Palestiman guerrilla was shot dead by Israeli intelligence agents in Norway.
"There were cases when

the arm of vengeance mistook the identity of its target and there should be regret about it," the editorial said.
"But if Hani Abed was

involved in murder and terror operations, he doesn't deserve an apology, rather be got the punishment coming to him because they have sown the wind and they shall reap the whirlwind'," it said, qunting the Bible.

Haaretz said in an unsourced report that Abed had been the head of Islamic Jihad's military wing in the Gaza Strip and planned attacks in which Israelis were killed.

It said Abed, a chemist by training, bad been plotting a car bombing.

Palestinians have said Mr. Arafat bas refrained from hunting suspected guerrillas in Gaza and the nther selfrule enclave of Jericho for fear of revolt. Thousands booed Mr. Arafat out of Abed's funeral on Thursday.

Mr. Alpher said despite that fracas, it was possible for Mr. Arafat and his security furces to put down opponents of his peace deal with Israel

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# Bomb explodes at Amman liquor shop

Staff Reporter AMMAN — An explosion occurred shortly after midnight outside a liquor stare in central Amman Friday. No casualties resulted from the incident.

Within about five minutes after the blast police raced to the scene close in the First Circle, cordoned nff the area and blocked entry routes with four or five police vehicles. witnesses said.

Policemen who were seen inspecting the ground in the immediate vicinity refused to comment nn the blast, which was heard from a kilnmetre

Police declined comment on the hlast.

Policemen were deployed on roads within a few kilometres radius leading to and from the site, to check drivers' licences and inspect he trunk of cars.

Liquor store nwner Samir akhoury said the blast may ave been the work of reliious extremists apposed to is sale of alcohol.

More than 20 Islamic fundamentalists are currently being tried by the State Security Court. They are charged with intent to destabilise the Kingdom.

The defendants have been implicated in connection with bomb attacks in 1993 and earlier this year nutside liquor stores and cinemas proffering pornographic films. Alcohol and sexually expli-

cit films are seen by activists as exponents of social corruption infiltrating into the region from the West. Mr. Fakhoury was seen running to the site around 15 minutes after the blast, while

by were diverted away from Later Friday, Mr. Fakhnury tald the Jordan Times that he had nwned the shop for four and balf years and had never had problems

all other vehicles and passers-

"We don't have any personal enemies," be said He added that the hlast was thought to bave been caused by something explo-



(photo by Yousef Allan) sive contained in a Pepsi bot-

The damage sustained, although not extensive, included a hnle hlown through the outside corrugated iron shutter and the wooden door within it. Tens of bottles of liquor were shattered. Mr. Fakhoury's son said

that they had been notified of the explosion by residents close to the shop and his father had immediately gone to the scene.

He also said that there were no injuries. Despite the incident and the pungent smell of alcohol inside the shop, business con-

tinued yesterday as normal. According to a news agency dispatch Interior Minister Salameh Hammad said that investigations were in progress to determine the mutive

of the attack. Security around the capital was tightened throughout

# **Hebron braces for** return of faithful to Ibrahimi Mosque

HEBRON, occupied West Bank (AFP) — The new sign by the grand entrance up to the Ihrahimi Mosque reads "Passage for Jews." Off to the side and out of sight stands the warning "Passage for Muslims.

Despite Arah protests, the Israeli army is preparing to reopen on Monday the sacred complex where Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein massacred more than 30 praying Palestinians on Feb. 25.

"We don't want it to open in such a manner," said Heb-ron Mayor Mustafa Natshe. They have divided it between Muslims and Jews."

The two faiths will henceforth be kept totally apart io the complex which both consider is constructed over the caves where Ahraham and his sons Isaac and Jacob are huried along with their wives. "There was no consulta-

tion," Mr. Natshe complained. "We have not even been told officially it is to reopen. But carpets have been laid out for prayer."

The Israeli government annouoced the site will first open for two days, close for a review and then reopen agaio for good if all goes well.

"For 1,300 years it's been a mosque," said Mr. Natsbe. "First they altered it after 1967 and now they have partitioned it. It's a fortress. It's easier to get into the White House.

Soldiers are posted on the roof, a police hut disfigures the main facade, electronie harriers block entry roads and dozens of police and troops stand guard amid the barbed-wire.

This is indeed a dangerous period," Mr. Natshe warned. "The situation is not normal, there is a lot of tension. This will create prob-

"We are afraid from both sides. We cannot control the Palestinian youth and there are fanatics among the Israeli settlers," he said.

A special 200-man guard unit carried out training exercises in and around the complex on Thursday, carrying stretchers, preparing

for the worst. Leila Kafisha, who lives in the shadow of the site and lost a 13-year-old son as well as a cousin in the massacre,

expects it.
"Our blood will not be forgotten," vowed the 32-

"I got pregnant again be-cause I want another soo and I am ready to sacrifce him for the mosque. I want 10 more sons," she said. "When we live without the Israelis here, only then will the killing

stop."
Her hatred burnt through as she told-of having to run a gauntlet of soldiers every day to get in and out of her

The Bible relates how it was in Hehron that God made a covenant with Abraham who would be the father of the choseo people, the Jews.

Herod the Great first constructed the site around 20 B.C. Successive ecoturies saw a church, a synagogue and with the Arab conquest of 638 a mosuqe huilt over the caves.

The Crusaders destroyed the synagogue and turned the mosque back into a church in 1100, massacring Jews and Muslims alike.

The Muslims returned in 1260 bot denied Jews access to anything more than the seventh step on an outer stairway which Israel destroyed after the 1967 Middle

The victory brought equal access for the Jews, who had been banned from the second boliest city in Judaism since

A year later armed settlers moved into Hehron and hy 1977 they began reconstructing the ancient Jewish quarter where hardliners have dug

Prime Minister Yithzak Rabin gnestioned this week the wisdom of a colony of 450 Jews that requires nearly

1,000 soldiers to protect it. Under the Palestinian selfrule agreement, Israeli troops are due to pull out of huilt-up Arab areas to allow elections to take place.

The mayor warned to Rabin's comments but estimated that no more than 150 Israelis live permanently m Hebron among 120,000 Palestinians. Few Palestinians in Heb-

ron were prepared to give peace much chance until the Israclis leave the city. "We want to see new facts

on the ground so that people will support the peace pro-cess here," Mr. Natshe said. "The settlers must move year-old mother of four more away from bere."



A Palestinian woman passes under a closed barrier at the Ibrahimi Mosque next to a new sign leading Passage for Muslims' (AFP photo)

## Clinton signs Gulf compensation legislation

WASHINGTON (USIA) — President Bill Clinton Wednesday signed legislation giving the Department of Veterans Affairs authority to award compensation payments to chronically disabled Persian Gulf war veterans

with undiagnosed illnesses. "Some of our Persian Gulf veterans are suffering from illnesses that cannot be diagnosed based on current available scientifie and medical data," the president. said. "The lack of a diagnosis at this point, however, should not stop us from providing an expeditious and compassion-

Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown said in a oews release: "We are moving as quickly as possible to issue regulations so we can begin paying compensation to these veterans who need and deserve our help. We also will continue to treat and diagnose Persian Gulf veterans and conduct research to identify what is causing their

ate response to these veter-

health problems."
Mr. Brown said that his department will contact each veteran on its Persian Gulf Registry, established in 1992, to identify any patterns of illnesses among Gulf veterans, and reopen benefits claims that were previously denied.

President Clinton's statement, as released by the White House:

"Today I am pleased to sign into law H.R. 5244, the "Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 1994" and H.R. 3313, the "Veterans Health Programmes Exteosion Act of 1994." These bills address important areas of concern for our nation's veterans.

"Primary purpose of H.R. 5244, the "Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act of 1994," is to authorise compensation to Persian Gulf war veterans suffering from disabilities resulting from nndiagnosed illnesses possibly incurred during service in the Persian Gulf theatre of operations.

"Some of our Persian Gulf war veterans are suffering from illnesses that cannot be diagnosed based upon current available scientific and medical data. The lack of a diagnosis at this point, bowever, should not stop us from providing an expeditious and compassionate response to these veterans' needs. Our nation is keenly aware of its responsibility to the brave men and womenwho so capably served our country during the Persian Gulf conflict. This legislation is designed to address their

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Aid workers ordered to leave South Sudan towns

to compensate Persian Gulf war veterans who suffer chronic disabilities from undiagnosed illnesses that became manifest during or within a specified time after their service in the Gulf region. It also requires the secretary of veterans affairs to develop and implement a uniform and comprehensive medical evaluation protocol for veterans of the Persian Gulf conflict suffering from unexplained illnesses. I am pleased to say that this protocol has already been established. VA medical centres and facilities are currently providing appropriate medical assessment, di-

agnoses, and treatment to Persian Gulf war veterans. "This act will help to further our investigation into the adverse health consequences that may be associated with service in the Persian Gulf. including potential risks to the family members of our veterans, by requiring the VA to evaluate the health status of spouses and children of Persian Gulf.war veterans. It also requires the VA to implement an outreach programme for Persian Gulf war veterans, including a newsletter and a toll-free telephone number to provide information concerning available be-

operate a number of veterans programmes and activities. Significantly, this act will extend the VA's authority to provide Persian Gulf war veterans with hospital, oursing home, and ontpatient medical care for disabilities possibly incurred from exposure of toxic substances or environmental hazards during service in the Persian Gulf. It also extends the VA's authority to provide Vietnam veterans with hospital and nursing home care for disabilities which may have resulted from exposure to dioxin. The act also extends the VA's authority to provide priority bealth care serices for disabilities possibly related to exposure to ionising radiation during nuclear testing or during certain service in Japan following World War II. Finally, the act also authorises appropriations of \$379.4 million for major medical facility construction and repair projects and 15.8 million for major

Programmes Extension Act of 1994," H.R. 3313, will

extend the VA's authority to

"Because of the important benefits that this legislation will provide to our nation's veterans and their families, I am very gratified to sign

medical facility leases for the

# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

'Israelis don't want Palestinian workers'

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Six out of every 10 Israelis oppose the government's decision to allow thousands of Palestinians to return to work io Israel, according to a pollocation of the control o mians to return to work to Israel, according to a poll published Friday. Only 35 per cent approved the partial lifting of the closure of the Gaza Strip and West Bank which enables 13,000 labourers to go hack to their jobs in the coming days. Five per cent voiced no opinion in the survey of 500 people for the Yediot Aharonot newspaper. Under the army conditions, all workers must be married, over the age of 30 and have previously been employed in Israel. Fewer than 4 000 labourers reached their jobs. over the age of 30 and have previously been employed in Israel. Fewer than: 4,000 labourers reached their jobs in Israel on Thursday after only 1,000 on Wednesday and a few score the day before, the army said. Transport problems and delays in issuing permits were hlamed for the sbortfall. When the army sealed off the Gaza Strip and occupied West Bank on Oct. 19 after a Palestinian suicide occupied West Bank on Oct. 19 after a Palestinian suicide bomber hlew up a Tel Aviv hus killing himself and 22 Israelis, some 70,000 Arabs were employed in Israel.

## 4 die, one missing in W. Bank floods

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) - A Palestinian mother and her daughter were swept away from their home and two Israelis died and a third was missing after torrential rain, police said Friday. The Palestinians' bodies were found Thursday night several hundred metres from the house at Beit Jann village on the West Bank. One Israeli drowned and a second disappeared after their car was carried off in flood waters oear Afuila, in the north, despite attempts to save them hy helicopter. An Israeli man died overnight of injuries suffered the day before when a wall collapsed on him during the storm at Kiryat Malachi in the south. Another helicopter rescued four youngsters who were stranded by flash floods during a hike in the Judaean desert., Two Jordanians also died in the storms on the other side of the Jordan Rift Valley, civil defence workers said in Amman. Heavy rains hattered Egypt, Israel and Jordan since Wednesday. Almost 500 people were killed in the southern Egyptian province of Assiut, most of them in an oil hlaze triggered by torrential rains.

## 260 prisonerrs heid in Khiyam jaii

BEIRUT (AFP) — Around 260 people, some of them teenagers, are being held without charge in an Israeli jail in South Lebanon, a committee for the defence of the prisoners said Thursday. It also charged in a report that 11 detainees bad been tortured to death. The report was submitted to the Foreign Ministry which would hand it on to the United Nations as part of efforts to set up an international committee to investigate Khiyam prison in Sonth Lebanon, the state-run news agency ANI said. U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali asked Lehanese Foreign Minister Faress Booez for details on the oumber of prisoners held in Khiyam, promising to send an inquiry team, the agency said. "Around 260 Lehanese men and women are currently being held in Khiyam like hostages," according to the report quoted hy ANI. It said 11 prisoners had died of torture in detention since the Khiyam prison opened in 1985 inside Israel's self-declared "security zone" in southern Lebanon. The prisoners are aged between 14 and 65 and are being held without charge, the report said.

### Uganda president visits Libya

TUNIS (R) — Uganda's President Yowerei Museveni has arrived in Tripoli for talks with Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi, the official Libyan news agency JANA said on Friday. "I visit the great Jumhuriyah (Libya) to meet with my brother Muammar Qadhafi to discuss several issues interesting the two countries," Mr. Museveni is quoted by JANA as saying on arrival on Thursday night. Mr. Museveni last visited Libya in June after he attended an African summit in neighbouring Tunisia.

## Libya ready to ease position on Israel'

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi has told the Israeli government he is ready to soften his Israel and the issue of "terrorism," the foreign ministry said. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told reporters. that Colonel Qadhafi had sent a message to the Israeli government through Turkish Prime Minister Tansu ciller. currently on a visit here. She received the message while passing through Tripoli on Tuesday. Mr. Peres described the message as "vague," hut a senior Israeli official said Libya was anxious to improve its relations with the West and the United States via Israel. Libya since April 15, 1992 has been the target of an air and arms embargo imposed by the U.N. Security Council for its refusal to hand over two suspects wanted in connection with the 1988 bombing of a U.S. airliner over Scotland, which killed 288. Both the United States and Britain want to put the pair on trial.

## israeii gets 15 years for murder

TEL AVIV (AP) - A Tel Aviv court sentenced an Israeli to 15 years after he appealed a life scotence for a 1987 California murder, a court official said Thursday. Nadav Nakan, 35, and an Israeli partner were sentenced to life in prison three years ago for the murders of Jack and Carmen Hively of Montecito, California, as they slept in their mansion. In its decision Wedoesday, the court reduced the charges against Mr. Nakan from murder to manslaughter, Israel Radio said. Charles Legros, the Hivelys' son-in-law was convicted hy a California court in June of ordering the slaying so his wife and her brother would ioherit a \$6 Nakan and Yair Orr \$750,000 for the killings. He received two 26-year-old-to-life terms. The prosecution bere claimed Mr. Legros hired only Mr. Orr to carry out the murder and Mr. Orr later recruited Mr. Nakan. Mr. Nakan's lawyers have argued for leniency since be did not actually pull the trigger. Mr. Nakan and Mr. Orr were tried here because Israel does not extradite its citizens for crimes. committed abroad under a 1978 law.

# 4 Nigerians beheaded for murder in Mecca

RIYADH (AP) - Four convicted drug smugglers. Nigerians were beheaded Friday in Mecca where they murdered a woman after breaking into her home, the

Interior Ministry announced. The Nigerians strangled the woman, the ministry said in a statement. She was not identified.

The men were named as Mohammad Sami Ahmad, Biyo Ihrahim Mohammad. Ihrahim Mohammad Ahmad and Ihaho Ihrahim Ahu Bakr.

Sharia, or Islamie law. courts convicted the men of murder and hurglary. They were found to have committee several other hurglaries of shops, the ministry said.

Saudi Arabia is ruled by Islamic law, under which murderers are heheaded. Since 1987, the same punishment has been meted out to

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Nearly 50 murderers, rapists and narcotics traffickers have heen heheaded this year, usually in public squares after the Friday

Many of them have come from the large expatriate Asian and African communities whom form part of the labour force, or who stay behind illegally after visiting the kingdom with special visas for the annual pilgrimage, or Haj, to Mecca, hirthplace of the Prophet

Mohammad. Last month, three Filipinos broke into the home of a Saudi millionaire in Riyadh and held his family hostage for a \$10 million ransom. His two-year-old son and two of the hostage-takers were killed hy police when they stormed the house.

NAIROBI (R) — Aid agencies ordered their forehis boss in the early days of the rebel campaign. ign staff on Friday to The workers said Col.

needs

evacuate from two southem Sudanese towns because of advancing rebels, aid workers said. They said the U.N.

World Food Programme (WFP), Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF-Doctors Without Borders) and the British charity Save The Children told their 11 international staff to leave the towns of Akon and Liethhom.

A hreakaway faction of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) is advancing on the towns. Faction leader Kerubino

Kwanynin is one of the founding fathers of the mainstream SPLA led by John Garang. He broke from Colonel Garang after spending 10 years in a guerrilla jail plotting to topple

Garang's SPLA which controls the two towns had advised them to leave, saying Mr. Kerubino and his men were within a day's march.

"There's been fighting near the two towns and relief workers in Akon heard shelliog and gunfire," an aid worker in the Kenyan eapital Nairohi told Reuters. "The SPLA advised us to evacuate."

They said aid workers in both towns had noticed a recent increase int he numher of people helog brought in wounds from hullets and mortar bombs hecause of the internal SPLA power struggle.

Factional fighting has killed thousands of people in the last two years and wounded many more. allowing Khartoum's government forces to ioncrease pressure on the rival groups.
The United States said

on Thursday it had confirmed a massacre of more than 100 residents of the south Sudan town of Akot last week, which it said was earned out hy another splinter SPLA group led by commander Riek Machar.

Like Mr. Kerubino, Mr. Machar is a former aide to Col. Garang. State Department

spokesman Mike McCurry said in a statement that most of the dead were civilians - some of them patients in the town hospital who were murdered in their heds. Many more civilians were wounded and some 5.000 left homeless, he said.

The hlack, mainly Christian and animist SPLA has

been fighting the Islamic government in Khartoum for 11 years and said this week a dry season offensive by Khartoum's forces had started.

The SPLA disintegrated along tribal lines in 1991 after internal rifts on buman rights, war tactics and political aims. A unilateral ceasefire de-

clared by the factions and Khartoum in July broke down last week after Col. Garang's group said it had beeo attacked by government forces near the town of Kapoeta.

Peace talks between rebel and Sudanese government teams in Nairohi collapsed last month. The chairman of the re-

gional peace mediators — Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi - has been trying to revive the talks.

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# TCC announces lower rates for international calls

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Telecommunications Corporation '(TCC) has decided to reduce charges on international telephone calls on Friday and those made to the occupied territories, the self-rule areas and Israel, according to an announcement Friday.

The TCC board, which met under the chairmanship of Minister of Post and Communications Hashem Dabbas, took the decision in order to enable the largest possible number of citizens to call relatives and friends in the Arab World nn the weekend, as well as friends in other countries, said Walid Dweik, acting TCC director general, in a statement to the Jnrdan News Agency. Petra.

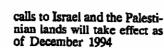
As of Friday Nov. 11, international daytime calls on Fridays will cost as much as the usual, reduced rate night calls (between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. the next day), said Mr. Dweik in bis statement.

The current daytime call costs JD 2 per minute plus a 10 per cent service charge: and the night-time calls costs JD 1.4 per minute plus a 10 per cent serice charge.

Calls made to Israel and the Palestinian lands will cost 900 fils per minute during the daytime hours and 630 fils per minute during the night

The previous rate was JD 1.2 a minute by day or by

Mr. Dweik said the TCC has installed a microwave link with Israel enabling Jnrdanian subscribers to make direct calls, thus justifying the reduction in rates. He said that the rates for



Meanwhile, the TCC board decided that the following groups will be given priority over others when applying for telephone service: banks, the press, news agencies, companies and the tourism sector.

He said that the board decided at an earlier session to also add factories, sharebnlding companies and regional; organisations to the list of applicants for teleponne

According to Mr. Dweik, tbe decision was taken in light of an expected surge in investment areas in the coming stage, noting it was necessary to offer incentives to encourage ecnnnmic pro-



HER ROYAL HIGHNESS Princess Basma forum are 900 women from 16 Arab countries Friday attends deliberations of one of 39 workshops currently held as part of the non-governmental nrganisations (NGOs) will be addressed during the Beijing conferforum, which started here Thursday. The three-day forum is held to prepare for the three-day forum is held to prepare for the World Conference on Women scheduled for September 1995 in Beijing. Taking part in the

### **HOME NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Sqour returns from Cairo Jordan to attend EU. minister meeting i sva

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Social Development Mobammad Sqour Friday returned home after attending meetings of the European Union (EU) in Brussels. Attending the Ministers of Social Affairs which concluded in Cairo Thursday. In an arrival statement, Dr. Squur, who chaired the bureau's closing session, said participants discussed 27 subjects out EU policies. session, said participants discussed 27 subjects including a proposal for a pan-Arah strategy to fight drug trufficking and abuse. The Regional seminar to discuss strategy will be drafted by the Council of Ministers of Social Affairs, the Council of Arah Health Ministers and the Council of AMMAN (Petra) — A four-day regional Arab Ministers of Interior, the bureau also symposium on water conservation in agriculdiscussed a pan-Arah paper to be presented to ture will be held here on Nov. 21 with experts the Warld Summit for Social Development, from several countries participating. Particiwhich will he held in Copenhagen in March, pants will exchange informatinn data and Dr. Sqour said. The Executive Bureau's meeting was held to prepare for the meeting agriculture, and will discuss issues pertaining of the Council of Arah Ministers of Social to the establishment of an information net-Affairs which will be held in Cairo in mid-

# programme

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# Arab regional preparatory meeting for 1995 Beijing conference on women to convene

# Participants to assess key issues for women in Arab region

Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women will convene at the Philadelphia Hotel. The five-day meeting is organised by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), in cooperation with the League of Arab States and the Centre of Arab Women for Training and Research

(CAWTAR).
Held under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Prin-cess Basma, chairperson of the Jordanian National Committee for Women and Gertrude Mongella, secretarygeneral of the Fourth World Conference nn Wnmen, the meeting will assess the key issues for women in the Arah region and ultimately provide input to the Arab reginnal, report for the conference which will be held in Sept.

1995 in Beijing. The Fnurth Wnrld Confer-

AMMAN (J.T.) — This ence on Women will review the advancement of women since 1985 in light of the 1985 Nairnbi Forward-Looking Strategies. Thanks to press-ure at all levels, women are increasingly gaining crucial access to proper bealthcare, education and civil justice, and women's beightened awareness of their common problems bas provoked an ESCWA determined mnbilisation to fight discrimination and persistent injustices, according to spokeswoman in Amman Vera Azar.

But, just bow much have these advances improved the lives of the average woman? And, in view of the sustained social and economic crises facing much of the world today, just how deep is the commitment of government to eliminate discrimination against women are questions which will be studied, said Ms. Azar.

In Sept. 1995, thousands nf women and men from around

the world will meet in Beijing for the conference. They will attempt to answer these questinns, assessing the progressand the shortfalls-of the past two decades and identify action to be taken, she said. Despite the growing evi-

dence that investments in women have an enormous impact on society as a whole, no one can deny that women continue to face discrimination in social, economic, political and cultural spheres. Ms. Azar said.

According to ESCWA: - Today, only seven of the 184 ambassadors to the United Natinns are women. Only four of the 32 U.N. specialised agencies and programmes are headed by

 In 1993, only six countries had women as beads of government while the average proportion of women in the world's parliaments had dropped to 10 per cent-from

Three quarters of women over 25 in much of Africa and Asia are illiterate, a much higher rate than for men and a residue nf past discrimination. Women account for two thirds of illiterate people in the world.

— On average, women re-ceive between 30 and 40 per cent less pay than men for the same work. At the same time, much of women's daily work is unremunerated and the vaine of household labour

- Haif a million women, nearly all of them in develop-ing countries, die each year from pregnancy-related causes. Thirty per cent of them are teenagers.

- The break-up nf families caused by armed conflict. economic difficulties and increased divorce rates, has led tn a burgeoning growth in the number of female-headed households. One third of all families worldwide are Equality, Development and headed by a woman. These Peace," said Ms. Azar.

lack financial support from the fathers of the children. Everywhere, women and children are the poorest among the poor.

--- Violence against women is recognised to be pervasive across cultures and regions.

In order to achieve meaningful, equitable partnership between women and men, according to the U.N. much more will have to be done to change persistent stereotyped attitudes, in improve the conditions of women around the world and to promote and defend their buman rights.

The conference offers governments, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), the private sector and individuals the opportunity to review their efforts and renew their commitment to the theme of the conference: "Action for

# U.S. university fairs open today

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Lin-den Educational Services, in tions." cooperation with AMIDEAST in Amman, will hold two days of U.S. educational and university fairs starting today to familiarise high school students with higher education opportuni-ties in the United States, according to an AMIDEAST

Last January, the Linden visit to Jordan consisted of 14 university representatives who met with more than ' 1,000 prospective students. In conjunction with AMIDEAST, a variety of activities bave been arranged so that more students can take advantage of this oppor-

tunity:
According to AMIDEAST Country Director Janine El' Tal, "There is a strong tradition of educational cooperation between Jordan and the United States. Last year, more than 3,200 Jordanian students were enrolled in American nniversities. Over 2,000 of these students were pursuing undergraduate de-

Ms. Tal emphasised, "The United States posseses thnusands of universities that offer quality education at all levels. This includes outstanding sbort-term, intensive training opportunities for professionals, husinesses, industries, and government

agencies in virtually any field.
"The Linden tour offers Jordanians the unique opportunity to personally meet with representatives from a

Activities begin today with a series of private visits to various Jordanian secondary schools.

A university fair will be held from 5-8 p.m. at the Jordan Inter. Continental Hotel. This event is free and open to the public.

It will provide an occasinn

for students and their families to meet directly with the representatives and to learn about the degrees and programmes offered by their respective universities, said the

On Sunday, from 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m., AMIDEAST is sponsoring a free educational fair at the American Centre of the U.S. embassy.

Also open to the public, this fair will feature informatinn sessions on studying in the United States, career planning, applying to U.S. colleges, predeparture orientation to the United States, graduate studies, and financial aid.

Students will also be able to meet with the visiting university representatives as well as officials from AMIDEAST, the United States Information Service, the American Language Centre, the United States Agency

for International Development, the Sky Insitute of Technology, and the American University of Beirut Alnumi Club, ElS Language Centres and Jordanian Alumni Society Graduates of U.S. Universities.

# Seminar to look at opportunities in Jordanian, S. African business

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Amond Industry is preparing for man Chamber of Industry two industrial exhibitions to and the South African embassy in Jordan Monday are organising a seminar here entitled "Jordan-South Afri-ca Business Opportunities," according to an announcement Friday.

The seminar is designed to familiarise a visiting economic delegation from South Africa with the Jordanian economy and prospects for expanded trade, according to chamber chairman Khaldoun Ahu Hassan,

Mr. Abu Hassan, who bas invited the Jordanian business community to the meet-ing, said the four-member South African delegation is made up of representatives of the Department of Foreign Affairs, the National African Federation of Chambers of Commerce, the South African Chamber of Business and the Department of Trade and

be opened in Jordan to introduce the public to Jordanian manufactured products.

A statement Friday said that one of the two exhibitions will be held in Zarqa to mark His Majesty King Hus-sein's birthday on Nov, 14 and the other will be organised in Amman on Jordan's Independence Day anniversary on May 25.
The Jordanian Business-

men's Association (JBA) announced Friday that it will organise a meeting with a 10-member American economic delegation at Amman Philadelphia Hotel on Tues-

: A JBA statement said the delegation represents the Department of Commerce, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, the Department of State, the Department of the Treasury and the Export/Import bank.

The statement said the

meeting assumes a great sig-nificance coming in the wake of a visit to Jordan by U.S. President Bill Clinton and the conclusion of the Middle East and North Africa Economic Conference in Casahlanca,

Hamdi Tahbaa JBA chairman is to be one of the main speakers at the meeting and is expected to outline future coeperation between the private sectors in the United States and Jordan in light of U.S. pledges tn help Jordan's

economy, said the statement. Representatives of the Jordanian husiness community bave heen invited tn attend the meeting and to exchange views on prospects for cooperation in economic and trade fields, it added.

The meeting will be the second of its kind this year, following a visit to Jordan last January hy U.S. Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown accompanied by a large business delegation.

# Jordan still a target, despite signing peace treaty — Obeidat

AMMAN (J.T.) — Senator Ahmad Obeidat has underlined that Jordan is still being targetted politically, economically, culturally and psychologically despite the fact that it had signed a peace treaty with Israel.
In a lecture delivered at the

Arah Forum last week, Mr. Obeidat, a former prime minister, called for safeguarding national unity and protecting the domestic front in the face of challenges confronting Jordan.

He called on all Jordanians to shoulder their various responsibilities to confront the new realities in the aftermath of the peace treaty and to work in an organised manner to adapt to the requirements of the coming stage to reduce the repercussions of "the shock of peace" and to benefit from the prevailing national, regional and international conditions to the

maximum. "If dangers are inherent in the complications of the stages that follow signing of treaties, we will be in an unenviable positinn, especially if there were no national will determined to protect national unity and the democratisation process...," be

Mr. Obeidat called for creating a multi-dimensional, integrated plan to enable the Kingdom to face the coming challenges, saying this plan should be hased on modernising the government's administrative institutions and enhancing public participation in the decision making pro-

He demanded that work start on establishing modern



Ahmad Obeidat

state institutions which will be able to transform the people from the position of spectators and state of carelessness to the position of the participants in shouldering responsibilities.

Israel, he said, is trying to be at the heart of the new regional order in the Middle East, stressing that the Jewish state constitutes the strongest and richest in the Jordanian-Palestinian-Israeli triangle.

Furthermore, Mr. Obeidat said that Jordan will not have many choices for the future, adding that the Kingdom has to re-organise its political and social institutions in order to have a genuine role in the making of the future, warning that otherwise, the values of desperation and political and social hypocrisy dis-guised in outdated slogans would prevail.

"We aspire these days to a homeland where buman and citizens' rights are protected and where the values of solidarity and productive work

on the basis of justice and providing equal opportunities to all and where law and order prevail," said the senator in his lecture, titled "Jordan - Tn Where?"

He affirmed that the state institutions should shoulder their responsibilities and commit themselves to the Constituting and the National Charter instead of wasting time in creating "personal-ised institutions and enhancing the centres of strength and adopting tribal and fac-tinnal symbols that are com-peting to achieve their personal gains at the expense of the country and the citizens' constitutional, legal and human rights."

He said the Jordanian peoole have for inng awaited the liberation of their occupied land and now that the land is liberated, Jnrdan's main priority becomes to "liberate citizens from fear and poverty and to immunise them against all forms of influence through work on protecting public freedoms, achieving social justice and safeguardmg national unity in all circumstances and conditions."

He said this is the responsibility of the constitutional institutions as it is the responsibility of political parties and economic and social institu-

Mr. Obeidat also called on Jordan to reach an agreement with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) on the final form of the Jordanian-Palestinian relationship and to agree on the question of Jerusalem, and warned that the goals of the Zionist, colonial project in the Arah region are still alive.

## 21 killed in flashfloods

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tion of small hridges. '- In Tafileb, the storm was reported to bave caused damage to roads and culverts and

flooding of homes.
Until late Thursday the Amman-Jerash road was reported closed hecause of iandstides alnng parts of the highway. According to a PSD announcement, many of the - roads in the northern Badia region were also closed be-

cause of the flood.

Nine people killed in Zarqa as a result of the flood were identified ... Dua'a Mohammad Fayy ih (9). Ghaith Mohammao Fayyad (11), Alaa' Abdullab Fayyadh (4), Riham Mobammad Fayyadh (14), Areej Ahmad Yousef (2), Sabah Yousef Faraja (16), Khadija Yousef Faraj (26), and Zuha Salem Sweilem Khawaideh 3(30). In addition, a nine-year old child whose identity was

not known was also killed. The two killed in Madaba were identified as Awad Seifan Nofal Al Zahven and Sifha Hassan Al Bawarid.

In Mafraq four people were killed, hut the identity of only two was known: Mohammad Sari Jamil and Usama Mohammad Abu In other developments, the

Jordan Valley Authority

.(JVA) was on Friday clean-

ing the King Abduliah Canal from sediments and rocks drawn in by the floods. JVA Secretary General Hisham Al Shboul said the authnrity's persnnnel and

extends from Al Adassiveb in the northern Jordan Valley tn

South Shuneb, to remove rocks and other sediments. He said the authority had finished clearing the canal in Al Arida area where the flow nf water from north to south was completely blocked hy rncks and was clearing another spot near Al Karameh town.

Mr. Sbboul said the JVA was forced to increase the amount quantities of water pumped from the canal to Amman. The authority also started pumping water from the canal tn Wadi Al Araba dam. Usually, the authority pumps water from the dam into the canal.

Mr. Shboul said that the floods had replenished water in the King Talal Dam, the largest in the Kingdom, as eight million cubic metres fo water were collected by the

Mr. Shboul said that at the peak hour of the storm water was flowing into the dam, north of Amman, at a rate of 113 cuhic metres per second, dropping to 26 cubic metres

hy Friday evening. He said water flowing into the dam, mainly from Al Zarqa River, has increased the volume of water in the reservoir, which can take almost 100 million cubic metres, to 24.7 million cubic

The quantities received Thursday and Friday, he noted, will help improve the machinery were put nn full quality of water held by the alert along the canal, which dam and reduce salinity.

## Death toll in Egypt near 550

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Mangabad, where refugees from Dronka and from areas hit by floods are staying until they can go hnme.

The camp is about seven kilometres north of Dronka, where the local people are accusing the authorities of negligence at the fuel depot and delays in providing relief. Presidential guards sealed off the village and no repor-ters were initially let in after

Mr. Mubarak's arrival in nearly Assiut. There was no explanation for his decisinn not to go there. Later in the Dronka area,

residents expressed anger at the failure of the president to "Where is the president? Why did the people die? Because of the government's petrol. Why didn't he come

to see us?" asked 17-year-old

Salah Sayyed. Prime Minister Atef Sedki and five ministers visited Dronka on Thursday hut villagers complained early on Friday that they bad still not seen the compensation which

be promised. "Nnthing has come, just some hlankets which arrived yesterday," said Mohammad Hussein, a salesman who lives in Dronka, 320

kilometres south of Cairo. Two hundred displaced people spent the night in the 40 tents at the camp at Manqahad but thousands of others slept in the street or with friends and relatives. The government has play-

ed down the death toll and

says it has dnne everything

possible to help the victims.

Mr. Muharak tried to reas-

sure the displaced people at the camp, telling them they would receive compensation for their losses, according to local officials who were pre-

Majnr-General Kamal Mandonr, a civil defence nfficer from Cairo, told reporters in Dronka nn Friday that 260 people died in the fuel depot fire and the floods in the village.

But viliagers disputed the figure. "That's nnt true. Five thousand people died in Dronka," said Mohammad Altmad, a farmer. "It's not true, not true,"

echoed other villagers. Hospitals in the Assiut area say they have received mnre than 320 corpses from the village, where floods on Wednesday morning over-turned tanker wagons full of fuel which then ignited.

Mr. Mandonr said the death toll might yet rise as rescuers search the devastated part of the village house by house. Other corpses have not reached the hospitals and ab-

out 80 people have heen kil-

led in flash floods in other

parts of southern Egypt, local officials said. The latest discoveries in Dronka included 21 corpses from a mosque where they had tried to take shelter and a whole family of 15 which suffocated to death after climbing up tn the fifth floor of the huilding next to their

Villagers huried 45 dead in

a mass grave on Thursday

evening and on Friday dozens

of women in hlack sat against

the cemetery wall weeping and wailing for their rela-

At noon prayers across the country, congregations said special prayers for the victims of the disaster. The land around Dronka

now looks like a World War

II battleground, with hlack-

ened trees sticking out of a sea of mud: One pool of fuel canght fire on Friday as workers nearby went from house to house looking for bodies. Flames leapt 10 metres high and it took 15 minutes to-

extinguish them. One grnup of workers waded through pools of mud looking for the body of a seven-year-old girl believed

to bave drowned. An elderly man, Abdul Shafi Shaaban, arrived with a piece of burnt human flesh wrapped in cloth and said it was all be could recover from the body of one of his grand-

He put it silently in the back of an ambulance and then told reporters be had lost his wife, his children and his grandchildren in the disas-In Cairo the opposition newspaper Ai Wafd criticised

traying the disaster as an act "It is nonsense to blame fate for our own shortcomings and negligence," it said

in a front-page editorial.
"The state has a duty to

the government for por-

prepare to deal with these natural disasters at any time and in any place," it added. Military sources said two Saudi planes had arrived at an airbase outside Cairo with relief supplies. Two Egyptian airforce planes were flying to Assiut on Friday with food and hlankets for them, the sonrces added.

# **WHAT'S GOING ON**

Poetry recital by Haya Hwaik Atiyeh at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art at Exhibition of oil paintings by Iraqi artist

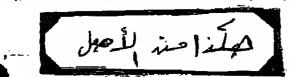
Exhibition of paintings by Ahmad Na'wash at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation. Exhibition of paintings by Salam Kan'an at the Balkas Art Gallery, Fuheis.

Exhibition of art by Annie Sakkab at the

Ibrahim Al Abdali at Orfali Art Gallery.

☆ Exhibition of art by Adnan Al Sharif at Ab'ad Art Gallery.

★ Exhibition of oil paintings by Iman Khaled and Fawzi Rasonl at Baladna Art Gallery:



U.K. abdication documents are to

be made public

LONDON (AFP) - Secret

papers on the constitutional scrisis over the abdication of

Edward VIII in 1936 are to 54

be made public on the Queen "

Mother's death, the Guardian reported Friday. The

have closed the files until 1.2 2036 is to be lifted, following

a pledge last year by William Waldegrave, minister for

100-year embargo that would

open government, to liberal-

Palace is understood to have

the Queen Mother's death

was taken to spare her feel-

ings, according to a senior source. She is known to feel

that the death of her busband

King George VI was has-tened by the pressures of

kingship thrust upon him by

his elder brother's abdica-

tion. The papers expected to

be released early are official files in the Public Records

Office — including those from the Cabinet Office —

that are concerned directly

with the king's affair with twice-divorced American

Wallis Simpson, as well as the

crisis caused by his decision

to abdicate rather than give.

MALAGA, Spain (R) -

U.S. pop star Madonna disappointed thousands of her

Spanishs fans insisting her

latest video — which includes shots of a bull fight — must

be filmed behind closed

doors. Part of the video of

Bow was to bave been shot

Attequera bull ring, near

Malaga, where one of Spain's

will take on three bulls, some

produced, inviting locals to

see the fights free of charge.

But the platinum blonde,

who bas scored big hits on

both sides of the Atlantic

over the last decade, has now

decreed that "Only A Few"

will be able to take part in the

video and has limited entry to

a mere 200 extras.

top matadors Emilio Munoz

100 giant posters had been 100

her up.

Madonna

shuts gates on

Spanish fans

ise access to public records,

said the paper. Buckingham

been consulted about the 15

move. The decision to post-

pone the release until after

early

# Chirac announces candidacy

PARIS (R) — Jacques Chirac, mayor of Paris and leader of France's conservative Gaullist party, Friday became the first major contender officially to enter next vear's presidential election race six months before the ballot.

Twice defeated for the presidency in 1981 and 1988. Mr. Chirac took the risk of an early burn-out because he is trailing an increasingly distant third in opinion polls behind Gaullist Prime Minister Edouard Balladur and Socialist European Commission President Jacques De-

lors, who are neck-and-neck. 'I bave decided to clarify the situation by announcing today that I am a candidate for the next presidential election," Mr. Chirac, 61, told the newspaper La Voix Du Nord.

"No one really donbted it but I think things have to be said clearly," he said.

The latest survey, a Louis Harris poll issued Thursday, showed Mr. Delors and Mr. Balladur stand exactly level, while Mr. Delors would beat Mr. Chirac by 54 per cent to 46 per cent in a run-off.

The two-round election is due to be held next April 23 and May 7 but incumbent Socialist President François Mitterrand's battle against prostate cancer had led to speculation that the poll might bave to be brought

By declaring so early, political commentators said Mr.

LAGOS (R) - A federal

court of appeal in Nigeria

Friday granted detained opposition leader Moshood

Abiola bail and urged him to

keep the peace, a court re-

Justice Umaru Abdullahi,

porter said.

Chirac ran a serious risk of his campaign burning out be-fore Mr. Balladur is expected to enter the race in January. Mr. Delors has said he will not announce his intentions until he leaves Brussels on

Jan. 26. Mr. Balladur and Mr. Chirac had been waging an increasingly vicious battle and Mr. Chirac said the "hypocrisy" of an undeclared race had created an unhealthy atmosphere.

"The French people have a right to know who will shape their fate and towards which horizons," he said.
In thinly veiled criticism of

Mr. Balladur's economic policies, Mr. Chirac said growth would not be sufficient to solve acute unemployment that threatened a break-up of society.

"Between the risks of a clean-break policy that would sow disorder and the comfort of lukewarm policies that would plunge our country into lethargic decline, common sense imposes the need for change," he said.

More nationalistic and in-

terventionist than Mr. Balladur, Mr. Chirac is close to France's farm lobby. Last month, be described the plan for a single European curren-

cy as "inapplicable."
"Things are now clear, the debate can start," said Jean-Louis Debre, a close Chirac aide. In a clear swipe at Mr. Bailadur, he added: "Those who have nothing to say want to delay the campaign as long

Nigerian court grants bail to Abiola

refusal of a lower court trying

him for treason to grant him

unconditional bail, said a

journalist who was in court in

the northern city. Mr. Abiola, the undeclared win-

ner of last year's annulled

presidential vote, was not in

by Mr. Abiola against the military government would

Mr. Debre added that Mr. Balladur would be well advised to stick to governing the country and not enter the presidential race.

A leading Balladur supporter, parliamentarian Patrick Devedjian, called Mr. Chirac's announcement a nonevent and said the prime minister would stick to "putting France back on its feet."

Starting the presidential campaign now runs the risk of dividing the coalition," Mr. Devedjian said on Europe 1 Radio.

Political commentator Philippe Alexandre said Mr. Chirac bad been pushed into stepping forward at this stage by his staff who were becoming impatient.
Mr. Alexandre said Mr.

Chirac also needed to nip in the bud of Interior Minister Charles Pasqua's campaign for primaries within the right to choose a joint presidential candidate. as Mr. Balladur would be the favourite to win

The Gaulist party will hold an emergency congress next week to endorse Mr. Chirac's candidacy, officials at party headquarters said.

Nov. 12 congress appeared to be a move to head off any challenge to Mr. Chirac by supporters of Mr. Balladur. Meanwhile, French news-

appeal against the ruling.

Justice Abdullahî said 'we

hereby set aside the judge-ment of the lower court and

have hereby granted you bail

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papers savaged the magazine Paris-Match Friday lor breaking taboo shielding politicians' private lives and publishing pictures of President France-Soir said.

Francios Mitterrand's illegitimate danghter Mazarine.

The conservative daily Le Figaro called it "pigsty journalism" and the popular daily France-Soir warned the French press against follow-ing the Anglo-Saxon media's example and hunting politicians into their beds.

In contrast to Britain and the United States, the media in France traditionally draw a discreet veil over politicians' personal lives. It is an offence to publish photographs with-out the permission of the subject.

"For year. France bad re-mained an island of wisdom in the ocean of disclosures that pollute American, British, Italian or German newspapers," Le Figaro said.

"If all eyes look below the belt, are we not going to furthermore discredit a political class already destabilised by financial scandals?" it

France-Soir said the unprecedented pictures plunged the French press into the ruthless world of British and U.S. media "which think policy is also made on the pillow.

"It is hard to see how the fact that he bas an illegitimate daughter can or will influence the bead of state in his mission," the newspaper

'Is this an error or a media revolution? We tend to believe it is the former,'

ATLANTIS BLASTS OFF: The space carrying a crew of six and a scientific payload shuttle Atlantis blasts off from launch pad to study the Earth's atmosphere (AFP photo) 39-B at the Kennedy Space Centre Thursday

## Pakistani troops move into northern town troubled by Islamic movement

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AFP) - Pakistan bas rushed troops into a troubled northern district where armed tribesmen demanding enforcement of Koranic laws have seized an airport and taken dozens of senior government bureaucrats hostage, officials here said Friday.

Activists of the Tanzeem Nifaz-I-Shariat Mohammedi (TNSM) seized a ruling Pakistan People's Party pro-

vincial deputy Badiuz Zaman late Thursday and held him in a hotel in Mingora district. The lawmaker was killed

later in a gunbattle when his bodyguards tried to rescue him from his captors. Two bodyguards and two TNSM activists were also reported killed in the shootout, officials said.

Troops heading for the area were said to be blocked south of the town of Mingora by thousands of people, many of them armed with automatic weapons and rocket launchers.

In a dramatic bid to defuse the crisis, the chief minister of the North Frontier Province, Aftab Ahmad Sherpaca - a close aide of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto had earlier announced the enforcement of Shariat law exclusively for the Malakand and Swat regions, scene of months of unrest.

## New order dawns for Austrian parliament

VIENNA (R) — Austria enters a new parliamentary era Monday following an Oct. 9 general election in which voters overturned the old order and created prospects for new political alliances.

But the casual observer could be forgiven for failing, so far, to notice the political sea change in Austria, which is due to join the European Union in two months. The old coalition game

continues, as the Social Democrats (SPOE) of chancellor) designate Franz Vranitzky and Erhard Busek's conservative People Party (OEVP) battle over the reduced spoils from the ballot five weeks ago.

Mr. Vranitzky told Vienna's Der Standard newspaper Friday he expected a new government to be formed "in two or three weeks."

Mr. Busek complained that coalition negotiations were dragging on and said he was 'disappointed that our partners have not learned the lesson that we received on

power thus continues between the two parties which have ruled for most of the past 50 years.

But coalition pact or no, the new parliament that will sit Monday as scheduled reflects a much altered land-

October's election dealt the coalition partners their worst setback since 1945, ushering in a much strengthened opposition and demolishing the coalition's comfortable two-thirds majority, which had reduced parliament to a rubber stamp.
The SPOE and OEVP will

have 65 and 52 seats respec-tively in the new 183-seat assembly, giving them a respectable majority of 117 deputies to 66 combined for the three opposition parties — the far-right Freedom Party. the Greens and Liberal

Forum. But Mr. Vranitzky will now be forced to seek the support of a minimum of vie opposition members for imsuch bill on the agenda is ratification of EU membership, due to be passed next Friday.

The Greens and Liberal Forum have already promised to back that bill, and some Freedomites, mindful of the fact that 66 per cent of Austrians voted in favour of membership in June referendum, are also expected

to support it. So no drama is expected on this key issue.

Interest focuses instead on competition that promises to provide an early indicator of how the new parliament which observers are sure will be more lively - might be-

The Austrian parliament has three speakers. Two will without question come from the SPOE and the OEVP. But all three opposition parties plan to make a pitch for the third post.

The Freedom Party of Jocrg Haider, as the third largest bloc in parliament, can claim a traditional right Oct. 9."

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familiar wrangling over thirds majorities. The first says they must have it.

### At 40, Godzilla puts mid-life crisis behind him

TOKYO (AP) - After 40

long, hard years on the job,

your average mutant reptile

might be thinking about retirement. But Not Godzilla. At a 40th gala birthday party thrown in his bonour Toho Co., the studio that brought Godzilla to life, the giant fire-belching lizard left no room for ambiguity about his future plans. Asked by an announcer bow he felt, he beat his chest and said: "Hey, I'm young for a monster don't worry. I'll be stomping my way through a lot more films." Some 500 fans were selected selected from a pool of almost 6,000 applicants to participate in the festivities at Toho's No. 9 Studio, where most of the 21 Godzilla films rack were made, including the newest one, Godzilla Vs. Space-Godzilia, set for release in Japan on Dec. 10. Several members of the growing Godzilla family were on hand, including current adversary Space Godzilla.
Little Godzilla — who looks more and more like big Godzilia every day — and Mogera, a man-made weapon built to help fight Space Godzilla. Hiromi Yamashita, a 36-year-old veteran Godzilla fan, rallied her whole family to turn out for the event. "I've been watching these movies for years, and now my kids are, getting into the new ones, so we can all watch them together," she said. In Japan, the age of 40 is known as "Fuwaku," after a Confucian saying that by that time the wavering and vacillations of life - known in the West as a mid-life crisis — are over. That is certainly true for the king of monsters, who went into hibernation for nine years beginning in 1975 after a string of disappointing showings. The elders at Toho determined that Godzilla had essentially become too lik-able and wasn't crushing enough things. Following the huge success of the 1984 revival film, the 30th anniversary of the release of the first movie, Godzilla was back of the master of diaster. Now popularity is running so high that Toho regularly puts out a new Godzilla film every Christmas to sellout crowds. The state of the s Tobo says a total of 82 million people have seen the

films since the first one came

out in 1954.

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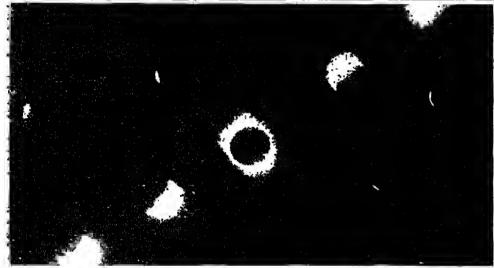
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## presiding judge at the Court of Appeal in Kaduna, gave the ruling in an appeal filed thing that could jeopardise The prosecutor said the the peace of the nation."



This multiple exposure photograph shows the moon progressively covering the sun during the last total solar eclipse of the century as it photo) could be observed from Putre, in the northern

highlands of Chile. The moon fully blocked the

# Thousands eye final solar eclipse of the century for South America

LIMA (AFP) — Be they spiritual or scientific. thousands of people scanned the South American skies Thursday to catch a glimpse of the final total solar eclipse they will see here this century. And they were not disappointed as the phe-

nomenon arced from 2,000 kilometres (1,242 miles) out in the Pacific Ocean eastwards across the continent, casting its shadow over parts of Peru, Chile, Bolivia,
Argentina, Paraguay, Brazil.
A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the sun and the Earth,

temporarily blacking out sunlight to a degree that depends on the position of the moon and Earth and the viewer's location. In the Valle Sagrado De Los Incas, located in Cusco Department. Indians per-

formed ancestoral rites to in-

voke the return of the sun

gods, according to reports on

Quechua language is "intiuana," which means "when the sun dies.' Peruvian sorcerers and healers from around the country gathered in Miculla.

> The group basked in the "astral energy," that they be-lieve is released when the eclipse reached its highpoint in the southern hemisphere.

> a small mountain village in

the south to hold a mystic

Meanwhile, total blackout lasted nearly three minutes for the thousands of tourists, locals and scientists gathered in areas of Misiones Province, Argentina, some 1,100 kilometres (683 miles) northeast of Buenos Aires.

The occasion provided ample opportunity for scientists event.

Radioprogramas Del Peru. In these Andean regions, It also created the perfect romantic setting for one couthe word for eclipse in the ple from the United States, who exchanged wedding vows near the famed Salto Dos Hermanas waterfalls just as the sun passed behind the

> The sun briefly fled Potosi, Boliva, some 574 kilometres (356 miles) south of La Paz. Some 3,000 students, foreign tourists and local residents watched in awe as the otal eclipse turned morning into

Native Bolivian lore portrays an eclipse as an attempt by the puma — the moon -to eat "Inti" — the sun.

The next total solar eclipse will not be visible in South America until after the turn of the century. South East Asia will experience one next October and the last for the century will pass over Western and Central Europe, as well as Asia in August 1999.



Residents of the small northern town of Putre, last total solar eclipse to be seen in this century Chile, use special protective glasses to view the (AFP photo)

## Norway police question Bosnian hijacker

OSLO (AFP) - Norwegian police were questioning Friday a Bosnian bijacker said by his former employer to be a "deeply disturbed" Muslim journalist who felt he was not doing enough to draw atten-

tion to his country's plight. Haris Kec, the 25-year old Bosnian, was arrested Thursday after hijacking a Norwegian airliner on a domestic flight to Oslo with 77 passengers on board.

Mr. Kec, who surrendered to police after the six-hour drama, said he wanted to draw international attention to the war in his country and "open up humanitarian channels" to Bosnia before the onset of winter.

DULUTH, Minn (Agencies)
— President Bill Clinton said

his mother would have whip-

ped bim for spreading as much cynicism as his oppo-

nents do, and be vilified the

Republican strategist wbo

helped torpedo his health

Mr. Clinton launched a

seven-state campaign trip

Thursday for bis embattled Democrats with feisty attacks

on Republicans, accusing

them of being too negative

and of trying to perform "re-verse plastic surgery" on

America with proposals that

would do more harm than

of these people in public life

do today, doing nothing but

spreading cynicism, being negative, pointing the finger of blame, and if she (his

mother) were around, she

would whip me — as old as I

am," Mr. Clinton told a fund-

raiser for Bonnie Campbell

Thursday evening in Des Moines, Iowa.

Ms. Campbell, a Demo-

cridcal juncture earlier this

year by saying there was no real crisis in the U.S. health

"They're not even ashamed of it," Mr. Clinton

huffed of a memo Mr. Kris-

tol had written on health

The president, who pre-

sented himself as a "friend of

the farmer" and who announced in Des Moines

nearly \$1 billion in crop disas-

ter for Iowa and other agri-

cultural states also noted a

recent comment of Mr. Kris-

tol's that U.S. farm subsidies

could be cut back. He called

it a "plan" that the Republi-

care system

"If I behaved the way some

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Oct. 9."

after the election.

Mr. Kristol, who formerly

worked as former Vice Presi-

dent Dan Quayle's chief of

staff, acknowledged he bad

Clinton scolds opponents for cynicism This has not included

> said some farm subsidies could be phased out, but said Mr. Clinton was "scaremongering" about it in an agricultural state. "He's trying to scare the

> farmers," Mr. Kristol told Reuters by telephone from his home in suburban Washington. "But it's a bit bizarre that the leader of the free world is worrying about my memos.'

> The president also continued his criticism of the Republican reelection programme "contract with America," which proposes a mix of tax cuts and spending cuts.

"This contract will perform reverse plastic surgery on America," Mr. Clinton said, playing on the fact that Republican Greg Ganske, who is seeking to unseat Iowa Democratic representative Neal Smith, is a plastic

crat, is trying to oust incumbent Terry Branstad from the Mr. Clinton had started Thursday in Albany, New York, where he campaigned state governor's office. Mr. Clinton's mother, Virginia Kelley, died earlier this for Governor Mario Cuomo. and ended it in Duluth, Minnesota, where he spend the Mr. Clinton singled out for special censure Republican strategist William Kristol, night before a scheduled morning rally for Democratic who undermined the presisenatorial candidate Ann dent's health reforms at a

The president has been campaigning all Week for Democrats as opinion polls indicate that dissatisfied voters may turn to Republicans when they cast ballots around

the nation Tuesday.

The trip he began Thursday is the final swing before the election, and it continues until election eve. Monday During the time he will

also visit California, Washington state, Michigan and Delaware. Mr. Clinton is making repeat visits to some states, but the White House says he's going where he's needed and where be can be cans would spring on voters of some help."

southern states, where the president is less popular. In Iowa, his approval: rating is 54 per cent — higher than his national approval rating. which bas bovered around the mid-40s. Aides to Ms. Campbell

said this meant Mr. Clinton

could help them win their race, in which Ms. Campbell is trailling Mr. Branstad by several percentage points.
The Democrats' midterm election blues bave President Clinton looking beatable and Republicans looking beyond next week's vote to the big

one two years down the road. While presidential races always have their early aspirants, what is striking about this year's line-up is the caliber of those contestants. "It tells you that the Re-

publicans think they're going to have a great year in 1994 and they want to be in position to ride the wave," said political consultant Fred Yang, Top Republican Senator Bob Dole bas already set things in motion for retaking

ing non-stop for follow Republicans and looking at prospective campaign mana-Texas Senator Phil Gramm is also moving rapidly, organising funds and committees for the race which will cost between \$20 and \$30 million. As Senate minority leader, Sen. Dole is well positioned

as the chief attack dog

the White House, campaign-

trained on the White House and as king of the hill in a party that tends to pick its presidential nominees from the top of the hierarchy. But that very clout could be a double-edged sword for the 34-year veteran at a time when incumbent is synonomoos with crook, and Sen. Dole's 71 years could count against him in a race against

Clinton. The biggest deciding factor for Sen. Dole - who survived two failed presidential politics as usual.

the relatively youthful

bids in 1980 and 1988 - will be wbether a Republican sweep of the Senate races next Tuesday makes him majority leader, a job many believe he would not give up for another shot at the presidency. Like Sen. Dole, Sen.

Gramm's biggest assets are his buge financial base and political influence, according to Mr. Yang, who says however that the lackluster 52-year-old does "not bave the big vision to be president of the United States."

A slew of Republican stars from the Bush and Reagan administrations are also jockeying for position in the runup to 1996, setting off battles over the direction of the party which nearly hung itself in the 1992 convention by allowing the right wing to take over.

Former Vice President Dan Quayle announced at a Christian rally last month that he was "going to be asking people if my ideas are what the country needs in He has put together a presidential exploratory commit-tee and his book Standing

list, distancing him somewhat from the frequent gaffs play-ed up by the media during his term at the White House. Lamar Alexander, the fomer education secretary, is perhaps the most credible hopeful in this line-up, which also includes former Defence Secretary Dick Cheney, former Secretary of State James Baker and former Housing

Firm has hit the best seller

Secretary Jack Kemp.
Mr. Kemp angered Republicans recently by denouncing California's tough anti-immigration measure which Republican Governor Pete Wilson has used as the top issue in his tight race for reelection.

But the renegade Kemp. who has offen been at odds with the party, may prove to be the answer to voters who are looking for an alternative to Republican

# Bosnian Serbs prepare for martial law

ARAJEVO (R) — Bosnian Serb politicians and military commanders met Friday to consider imposition of martiali law across their territory after suffering battlefield set-backs by Muslims and Croats, informed sources

"From tomorrow there will be a full state of war," Bosnian Serb President and Supreme Armed Forces Commander Radovan Karadzic told Reuters Thursday.

This would include such measures as mass mobilisation and placing the economy on a war footing.

The self-proclaimed Bosnian Serb Republic is not officially on a permanent war

footing although it has effectively been a military state during 31 months of fighting against Bosnian independence from former Yugosla-

Mr. Karadzic began wearing combat fatigues in public for the first time a week ago and his title of supreme commander is being emphasised inthe secessiooist Serb

Informed sources in Pale said the decree on all-out war implied suspension of the Bosoian Serb parliament which led rejection of an international peace plan for Bosnia despite urging from Belgrade to accept the bluep-

Angered at their refusal, Serbia's President Slobodoan Milosevic ended all political and military support of his separatist Serb in Bosnia.

Military analysts in Belgrade question the effectiveness of what they see are desperate moves by Mr. Karadzic after Mr. Milosevic dealt a body blow to Bosnian Serb morale. A lack of fuel has hampered the movement of his forces, especially armoured units.

The Bosnian Serbs have in the last two weeks lost significant stretches of territory to Muslims in northwestern Bosnia, the town of Kupres has fallen and they have come under pressure at Trno-

vo. south of Sarajevo. In the northwest, Mr. Karadzic's forces have fallen back in the face of a Muslim breakout from the Bihac eoclave that has seen the Serbs driven from 250 square kilometres of territory.

In the latest of a series of defiant utterances since the Bosnian Serbs' miltiary setbacks began, Mr. Karadzic said his forces had been fighting with one hand tied behind their backs.

Mr. Karadzic promised: "We are going to liberate all our lost territory."
At the United Nations in

New York, the General Assembly voted 97 to zero with 61 abstentions to lift the

international embargo on

resolution to be adopted.

lim and Croat soldiers had captured Kupres.

Bosnían President Alija Izetbegovic, speaking on Sarajevo Radio, told bis

Ejup Ganic, had said: "The fall of Kupres is very important. It breaks the Serb myth of invincibility with them claiming they've never lost a town.

something back and I think it's the beginning of justice," said 41-year-old Enes Kosavac, a sbopkeeper in-

Croatian Radio said Bosnian Croat militia entered

Croatian Television showed pictures of Kupres with Croat soldiers in the streets and Croat flags hanging from buildings. French Foreign Minister

Bosnia. But the resolution was non-bioding and the vote signalled a poteotial setback for U.S. hopes of pushing a binding measure through the Security Council. Amoog the 15 Security

Council members voting in the assembly, only five - the United States, Pakistan, Oman, Djibouti and Rwanda — supported lifting the arms ban while 10 abstained. Only the Security Council has the power to lift the arms embargo and it needs a minimum of nine votes and no veto for a

Sarajevo rejoiced Friday after news that Bosnian Mus-

troops their victories were the result of "your ability, courage and your love of Bosnia, of your people and freedom' rather than weaponry "because the aggressor still enjoys great supremacy both in quantity and quality of weapons."

Earlier, bis vice president

"It's about time we took

Sarajevo.

Kupres after 1 p.m. (1200 GMT) as Serb soldiers withdrew in disarray.

don't solve a conflict by supplying weapons to bellige-Alain Juppe said Thursday, rents.



A Bosnian Croat soldier (right) displays a badge from the Bosnian Serb army as his comrades unfurl a Serbian flag after the troops

Kupres region, following fierce fighting the day before (AFP photo)

that offensives now underway by Muslim-led Bosnian gov-ernment troops against Serb forces were unacceptable.

"We do not approve, indeed, we disapprove of the offensives now underway by the Sarajevo government and Bosnian troops even though the responsibility (for the war) lies with the Serbs," Mr. Juppe told a parliamentary committee.

"It is not acceptable that we go back to offensive actins. All those involved, especially those who accepted peace plans, must show a certain amount of

moderation," he said. Mr. Jappe reiterated that France opposed U.S. draft resolutions at the United Nations aiming to lift an arms embargo on Bosnia "because that is a false solution. You

Seven people were wounded, including one child, when Bosnian Serbs fired converted surface-to-air missiles on the U.N.-designated safe area of Bihac, a U.N. spokesman said Friday.

Two SA-2 surface-to-air missiles bit Bibac town Thursday, damaging buildings and wounding seven, in-cluding one child who was seriously injured, U.N. Protection Force spokesman in Sarajevo Thant Myint-U

A total of seven SA-2 missiles struck the Bihac pocket, including town of Cazin and Buzim in the last 48 hours, the U.N. spokesman said.

This inexcusable attack by surface-to-air missiles was devoid of any military value and can only be considered an act of terrorism, reckless in its targetting, designed to provoke fear amongst people

of Bihac," Thant Myint-U

He said one missile landed very close to a school in Bihac town, damaging 30 to 40 buildings. "It was only hy the grace of God that tragic loss of life did not occur.

Meanwhile Yougslav and Croatian Foreign Ministers Vladislav Jovanovic and Mate Granic opened talks in Zagreb Friday on normalising ties, in an atmosphere clouded by escalating warfare in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Mr. Jovanovic flew in Friday on a special flight on the first official visit here by a Yugoslav minister since Croatia's independence. Informed sources said he might meet with President Franjo Tudiman before heading back to Belgrade Friday night but the presidential office refused to confirm this.

## Italy coalition allies on collision course again

ROME (R) — Tensions in Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's coalition government flared again Friday when the National Alliance said it would block a Northern League proposal for elec-toral reform.

A League plan to iotroduce a two-round voting sys-tem for Italy's 20 regions was on the agenda at a Friday afternoon cabinet meeting (1400 GMT) but the hardright National Alliance made clear its opposition to the

The League's Franceso Speroni, minister for institutional reforms, drew up the proposal on a key issue for

the federalist party.
"It's not certain that the cabinet has to approve the Speroni proposal: The National Alliance ministers do not agree with the Speroni proposal," party leader Gianfranco Fini said at a book

Cabinet Secretary Gianni Letta sought to play down the

Bosnian troops from the Croatian Defence Council march

into the village of Ravno in the Kupres region following yesterday's victory in the fierce battle against Bosnian Serb

"I don't think we are going to have a government crisis," be said. "I'm confident we'll find a solution which is satisfactory to all involved."

Mr. Fioi's National Alliance fears a two-round voting system would be to the advantage of the maverick League which could forge alliances on the left or right of the political spectrum once had seen the outcome of

Electoral reform remains a key issue in Italy after national elections last March under a new system failed to produce the kind of clear result many observers wanted.

The spat is the latest in a series of rows between the League and its partners in the Berlusconi government which took office six months

It comes at a delicate mo-

ment as Italy's crucial 1995 austerity budget has just begun what is expected to be a bumpy ride through parlia-

The League unnerved partners last week when it joined forces with the opposition in parliamentary committee.... meetings to force some amendments to a budget which plans to trim Italy's huge public deficit by 50 tril-lion lire (\$32 billion).

On Thursday, the League presented a further series of amendments to the budget, including one which would cut revenue from a planned amnesty for Italians who have violated building regula-

League leader Umberto Bossi Thursday pledged to back the budget but plans to ask a weekend party congress . for a mandate to demand a meeting of coalition leaders to assess the government's bealth and decide if it should

carry on. National Alliance leader Fini said Thursday that get-ting the budget approved by parliament was the priority and must come before any debate on the future of the government.

forces who had kept this area a stronghold since 1992 (AFP

"We are prepared to clarify all that needs clarifying but after the budget has been approved," Mr. Fini said af-ter a meeting with Premier Berlusconi.

Parliament must approve the budget by the end of the

Meanwhile, a former Italian government mioister who has evaded capture by anti-corruption police for the past week Friday said be would turn himself in.

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# Li leaves Seoul with pledge to support Geneva accord

SEOUL (AFP) — Chinese Premier Li Peng left here Friday after a five-day visit during which he pledged to help implement the Oct. 21 Geneva, accord on North Korea's onclear, programme in a way "unique and appropriate for China."

The Chinese government welcomes the nuclear agreement between the United States and North Korea and

Mr. Li told a televised press conference before flying home from the resort island

"China hopes to see this agreement implemented and will ... take action to support the implementation in a way unique and appropriate for the Chinese situation." he said, without going into spe-

Diplomats here speculated his pledge had been outlined between Mr. Li Peng and Sonth Korean President Kim Young-Sam, as well as between Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen and counterpart. Han Sung-Joo.

The diplomats also said that China - whose policy of diplomatie "equidistance" towards Seoul and Pyongyang Mr. Li reaffirmed — may agree to take 8,000 spent plutonium-rich fuel rods from North Korea for disposal.

North Korean regime agreed to halt its suspect nuclear programme in exchange for the safer light water reactors, fuel supplies to replace lost energy from its closed down reactors and eventual diplomatic recognition from the United States.

ment, the rigidly-isolated

Pyongyang's Foreign Ministry said this week that the North had already taken steps to comply with the provisions of the accord.

# Fighting reported near Angolan rebel stronghold

LUANDA (R) — Angolan government troops and UN-ITA rebels were tighting west of the guerrilla stronghold of Huambo Friday, aid sonrces

They said the city was calm but a Portuguese television report, monitored by the BBC, said the population was fleeing. UNITA rebels said Friday

they had stopped the Angolan government advance on its, capital Huambo 30 kil metres from the city in the central highlands. UNITA Radio, monitored in the island state of Sao

YEREVAN (AFP) — The

U.N. secretary general said Friday that U.N. peacekeep-

ers would be best for policing

a ceasefire in a separatist

Armenian enclave of Azer-

baijan, but did not rule out

the use of Russian-led troops.

Asked if Russian soldiers

would be appropriate as

peacekeepers in the former

Soviet Republic of Azerbai-

jan. Boutros Ghali said: "I

prefer that the United Na-

tions takes the responsibility

cil of the United Nations is

not able to provide the

peacekeeping forces, then the second (option) is to give

the mandate to a group of states," he said at a joint

press conference with Armenian President Levon Ter-

But if the Security Coun-

of peacekeeping operations."

Tome and Principe, also said a government air raid had failed to hit its transmitters in Jamba but damaged a hospital, wounding several dozen patients.

The two sides initialled a peace accord Monday aimed at ending 19 years of civil war in the former Portuguese col-

Bnt a ceasefire is not due to take effect until the agreement is formally signed by Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos and UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi in the Zambian capital Lusa-ka in mid-November.

wealth of Independent

States, a Russian-dominated

coalition of ex-Soviet states.

is already patrolling a cease-

fire in Nagomo-Karabakh.

an enclave situated inside

Azerbaijan but populated by

an ethnic Armenian major-

ity, was brokered by Russia

and Russia has proposed

sending its own peacekeeping

allowing Russian peacekeep-

ers, saying their arrival would

cement the ethnic-

the Conference on Security

and Cooperation in Europe

(CSCE) to deploy an "inter-

national" peacekeeping force

to separate the warring sides

Armenians' war gains.

Azerbaijan strongly resists

Azerbaijan has pressured

The six-month-old cease-

fire in Georgia.

troops.

He did not give details, but in Nagorno-Karabakh. This

a largely Russian force under appeared to have paid off

The radio said rebel forces stopped a government advance on Huambo 30 kilometres from the city but gave no details of fighting there. The name of the exact location was obscured by poor reception.

Aid workers in Huambo, in radio contact with colleagues in the Angolan capital Luanda, said government kilometres of Huambo Tuesday but had not attacked the city itself.

Ghali does not rule out Russian

peacekeepers for Karabakh

the banner of the Common- after the CSCE proposed a

UNITA also said two gov-

1,600-2,000 strong

peacekeeping force earlier

CSCE's short history.

this month — the first in the

Dr. Ghali indicated that

the solution to the conflict, in

which 20,000 people have

died in six years, would have

to be solved at a local level.

quired respect of existing borders, but: "If two coun-

tries agree to changes in the

borders then the United Na-

tions has 10 respect this

Dr. Ghali backtracked on

earlier statements made dur-

ing a visit to Azerbaijan that

called for the "territorial in-

tegrity of the member states

and the immediate withdraw-

al of Armenian troops from

The U.N. Secretary

General denied reports he

had labelled Armenia the

Azerbaijani territory."

agreement," he said.

The United Nations re-

ernment MiG-24 jets attacked its transmitters in Jamba near the Namibian border Thursday. The bombs fell wide but damaged an orthopaedic bospital instead and wounded several dozen

Elsewhere in Angola, the radio said rebel forces had killed 10 government soldiers and destroyed an armoured car in two days of fighting at Cacolo, in the northeastern Lunda South.

The reports could not be independently confirmed.

aggressor in the war or that

he had told Armenia to with-

draw from the enclave of

Nagorno-Karabakh. "I never

made those declarations," he

Mr. Ter-Petrossian said

that a conflict between the

CSCE and Russian author-

ities seriously endangered the

ceasefire and called on the

two parties to come to an

agreement before submitting

"It is really a dangerous situation. This can prolong

the process of negotiations

and endanger a viable cease-

Transcaucasia in Azerbaijan,

then flew to Georgia, fol-

lowed by Armenia. Later Fri-

day he was to go to Moldova.

where Russians in the east of

the country have declared

themselves independent of

the Moldovan government.

Dr. Ghali began his tour of

peace plans.

fire," he said.

### believes it will help ease the regional political situation," in more detail in private talks Under the Geneva agree-

COLOMBO (R) — Sri Lanka's opposition presidential eandidate, Srima Dis-sanayake, said Friday that if she were elected she would insist that Tamil rebels lay down their arms before she

would talk peace with them. "I want the tigers to renounce terrorism. I would like the people of Jaffna to throw up a democratic lead-ership with whom the government can have a dialogue,"
the softly spoken, whiteclad Dissanayake told her

first news conference. The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eclam (LTTE) has been fighting a 11-year-old war for a separate state in the island's north and east for the minority Tamil community. They control the Jaffna

peninsula in the north.

Mrs. Dissanayake was chosen by the United National Party to replace her husband, Gamini, who was blown up by a suicide bomber last month as he campaigned for president.

Gamini Dissanayake and 53 others were killed in a bomb hlast at an election rally in Colombo on Oct. 24. Police suspect the tigers for the bombing, a view Srima dissanavake shares.

They killed my husband because they did not want him to be president," she

Mrs. Dissanayake said she would negotiate with the rebels on the basis of a 1987 accord signed with India, which her husband helped to negotiate, devolving power to the provinces.

She said peace talks initi-ated by Prime Minister Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, her opponent, and the favourite, in the presidential race, were under taken without any planning and under pressure from the re-

> "She did exactly as they wanted her to," Mrs. Dissanayake said.

A second round of talks scheduled for Oct. 24 was postponed after Gamini Dissanayake's death.

Mrs. Dissanayake said the party, had chosen her over other candidates because she was most suitable to carry ont her husband's policies and

"I have worked with him in politics for 24 years. I have

Sri Lanka candidate wants rebel disarmament before talks discussed his policies, plans. and vision for the future,"

she said. Asked how she would exercise her considerable pow-ers as president, which include dismissing the prime minister without a reason. Mrs. Dissanayake said, "I would be reasonable, fair and

just in my actions."

She said she hoped for peaceful co-existence between herself and the People's Alliance government if she won, adding that she planned to keep some cabinet portfobos for herself.

At the same time, Mrs. Dissanayake said, the constitution had to be amended to give fewer powers to the president and make the president responsible to parlia-

### **Bodies of Western hostages returned from Cambodia** forces advancing from the coast had struck within 25 diamond mining province of

PHNOM PENH (R) -Three plywood coffins bearing the bodies of Western hostages executed by the Khmer Rouge were repatri-ated from Cambodia Friday after a short airport ceremony attended by diplomats and senior government minis-

"This event demonstrates once again the horrifying brutality and callousness of the Khmer Rouge," said Austra-lian Ambassador Tony Kevin.

Ambassador from the hostages' home countries of Australia, Britain and France along with U.S.-Ambassador Charles Twining — observed a minute of silence before the wreath-covered caskets were loaded onto a commercial flight for Bangkok,

Cambodian Foreign Minister Ung Huot, former Foreign Minister Prince Norodom Sirivudh and Secretary of State for Foreign Affair Uch Kim An stood in front of the caskets before they were loaded on the plane and bowed their heads in hom-

Briton Mark Slater, 28, Jean-Michel Braquet, 27, from France and David Wilson, 29, an Australian, were taken hostage on July 26 after Khmer Rouge guerrillas it was essential the Cambo-

ambushed a train in southern

Kampot province. The three men are believed to have been executed by their Khmer Ronge captors in late September. There remains were found in graves in Kampot Tuesday. Mr. Braquet's father, Jean-

Claude, hugged his arms tight-

ly as he watched the coffins being loaded onto the plane. Three floral wreaths from the Cambodian government were placed on the coffins. Embassy consular staff supervised the loading of the caskets into a Kampuchea Air-

lines 737.

In a statement to reporters after the ceremony, Mr. Kevin reiterated the Australian embassy had done all it could to secure the lives of the hostages.

"David's family will know that we in the embassy worked tirelessly over the past three months to try and bring him back safely, but unfortunately our efforts were in

"I believe and I hope many Australians will believe that it emphasises again the need to help the Cambodian people eliminate this terrible menace — the Khmer Rouge," he said.

The Australian envoy said

dian government "make ev-ery effort to bring the killers to justice."

The British and French ambassadors made no state-One of the last passengers to board was Mr. Braquet's father, who was briefly

embraced by French embassy officials before walking up the steps into the plane. He did not look back. The nominal leader of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge rebels appears to have dis-

tanced himself from the

country's latest hostage

tragedy. In a letter written before the bodies were recovered this week from graves in southern Cambodia, Khieu Samphan implied that the government should bear full responsibility for the hos-

tages' fate Mr. Samphan's letter, released by the royal palace Friday, was dated Oct. 3I and addressed to King Norodom Sihanouk. It did not acknowledge the hostages' deaths and refers to them as

"missing."

"As Your Majesty, the King, has already been mformed, I've tried from afar to instruct (the captors), but I've not been informed of the

But he implied that the government, which surrounded Vine Mountain with troops during the hostage crisis, sbould bear responsibility for the trio's fate.

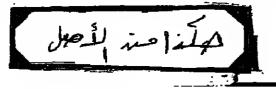
"Those who cause and continue the flame of war to destroy national reconciliation and peace in Cambodia must be personally and fully responsible for all the consequences of their policy." Mr. Samphan said.

In a reference to shelling of the base, he added: "They (troops) responded with multiple rockets, tanks and artillery. They killed people repeatedly, making the problem

even more complicated." Countries that share implementing this policy will receive adverse consequences as a result," he warned.

Cambodian army and di-plomatic sources believe the Westerners were shot dead in late September. Three ethnic Vietnamese and two Cambodian hostages are also said to

have been killed. This was Cambodia's second tragedy involving Western hostages this year. The remains of an Ausuana and two British hostages



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## **Democracy plays the hand**

POLITICAL PARTIES which have opted to oppose the peace treaty with Israel may now be calling for a referendum to test its acceptability, especially after it has become almost certain that they cannot defeat it in Parliament. Of course, in principle, there is nothing wrong in holding a nationwide referendum on this issue as long as such an exercise is viewed in proper perspective.

To begin with, there is nothing in the Constitution or the laws of the country that call for a plebiscite every time the government enters into a binding treaty. It must be remembered that in a legal context all treaties that the government ratifies are of the same national importance. True, this treaty is far-reaching and covers issues of strategic importance to the country as a whole, yet the legal principle remains essentially the same. So notwithstanding the political and economic implications of the treaty, it remains bound by the same legal considerations.

There is an obvious legal requirement that Parliament acts on any such treaties and accepts or rejects them after thorough deliberations. Parliament is in effect taking this route and is currently seized with the draft law in an effort to examine all its features and implications. Parliament is after all representative of the Jordanian people and parliamentarians, who are now opposing the treaty, were themselves elected freely and democratically by their constituencies. They should therefore be the last to complain or ask for any other procedure that aims to bypass them. In the final analysis, we have to accept and live with the fact that some of us, for one reason or another, are against signing a peace accord with Israel. We must accept the right of all shades of opinion on this issue. But division of opinion must not mean that the minority's view can stand in the way of the majority's view and prevent the country from moving forward on solemn undertakings that purport to advance the overall national interests of the entire country. The opposition is thus called upon to reciprocate the respect that the majority has accorded them by letting Parliament debate the subject freely and pronounce its judgement on it in due

## **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

NOW THAT the Foreign Affairs Committee at the Lower House of Parliament has approved of the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty one can safely say that the treaty is certain to be endorsed by the House and become binding for Jordan, said Al Ra'i Arabic daily. A majority approval of the treaty should be respected by the opposition minority and by all sectors that still oppose the peace with Israel since the representatives of the Jordanian people have opted to approve it, said the paper. To face the new stage in our history, said the paper, national unity will be of paramount importance so that Jordan can deal objectively and wisely with the coming developments and the implementation of the treaty. There is no doubt that the treaty has its own positive and negative aspects to clinice at sectors of the public, but national unity should serve as a common denominator, pooling everyone's resources and all potential for the common good of the country, the paper added. Once the Parliament has approved the treaty the whole country should respect the decision because the Jordanians have no other alternative to safeguarding their national institutions if they are keen on protecting their democracy, concluded the paper.

TAHER AL ADWAN, a columnist in Al Duston daily dwelt on Washington's policies regarding the Islamists and the Muslim World, noting that these are exposed to tactical changes depending on America's interests. The writer noted that while Washington supported the Afghanis and the Bosnians as well as the Islamic fundamentalists in Algeria, stands firm in the face of Hamas, Hizbollah and Iran. It is clear that Washington has an interest in supporting the Bosnian, for instance, because such support is against the wishes of the European nations with which America is in constant rivalry over regions of influence, but it is against Hamas and Hizbollah --- which are fighting for freedom — simply because these two factions are foes of Israel, the staunchest American ally in the region. The writer said that as long as the United States is involved in economic and other forms of rivalry with other nations, one has to expect a changeable U.S. foreign policy.

Jordanian Perspective

# Jordan makes strong case in Casablanca

JORDAN has presented its case for investment in the Kingdom to the Casablanca summit quite well, judging from the set of documents and presentations that its delegation, headed by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, submitted to the conference. Only time can tell how successful the Jordanian effort was, but the Kingdom did impress the participants in the conference of the favourable atmosphere that exists in the country for foreign

Indeed, the bulk of the projects that Jordan presented to the conference was related to infrastructure, highways, hospitals, schools, power plants, tourism facilities and water resources and distribution. These projects, by definition, are supposed to be government-sponsored and built. As such, given Jordan's financial situation, it is only fair that the Kingdom expects foreign sources to provide financing for them under favourable terms.

The other side of the equation is that these projects mean making it more attractive to foreign investors to invest in the Kingdom through expansion and modernisation of infrastructure facilities available here. Essentially, infrastructure improvement goes hand in band with attracting

invest millions in an industrial project in the middle of the desert where the raw material is available without proper access roads or power and water availability.

Quite simply, one cannot expect a foreigner or local to

Hopefully, we will soon hear from our delegation that went to Casablanca as to bow successful the Jordanian effort was in terms of attracting immediate investments in the country. Jordan has no shortage of administrative

By and large it was a surprise for many participants there to see the Jordanian delegation was armed with well-orga-nised documents and presentations in total contrast to many other Third World countries which usually come up with make-to-do support and attend conferences for the sake of attending.

But that does not mean that the job has been done. Jordan has promised a lot to potential investors in the country and it also bears the responsibility to ensure that those promises are fulfilled, whether in terms of offering higher incentives to foreign capital or eliminating the last trace of red tape.

It is not an impossible task either. All it takes is a dramatic fundamental change in the mindset of our bureaucrats dealing with promotion of investments. While some would say that it is easier said than done, the reality is that without such a shift, Jordan cannot simply bope that investments would come in automatically.

The bureaucrats have to realise that it is indeed a historic make-or-break point for Jordan. The emerging state of peace and stability in the region has sparked high interest among international giants in investing in the region. They are serious and it is up to Jordanian officials to ensure that that seriousness is stroked positively into practical action. We simply cannot afford to bave a single negative point in our approach. It is not simply enough that our bureancrats sit in their offices awaiting investors to approach them. They have to go out and make an effort to bring in the investors and ensure that nothing stands in the way of even slightly discouraging to investors. That is where our snecess

In this context, the Amman conference in mid-1995 as a

follow-up to the Casablanca summit is of paramount importance. We have several in-built advantages by bosting that conference. First of all we are in homeground and we could prove it to everyone that we mean what we say. Second, investors could have a firstband assessment of bow the ground is like in Jordan for their precious capital. Third, the very organisation of the Amman conference would be a testimony to Jordanian expertise and abilities.

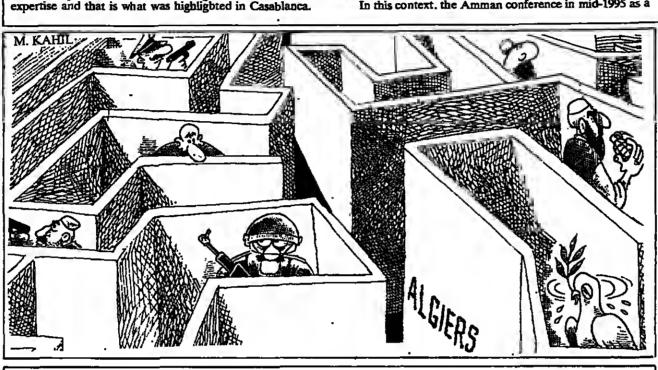
For all purposes, the Amman conference will be the

actual point of takeoff for many proposals that were discussed in Casablanca. As such, the meeting assumes a higher significance.

That is where the real challenge lies. It precludes any thought of failure. Work has to start today for the Amman conference. Those throughout our administrative structure who fail to appreciate the challenge and rise to the requirements of the day will have to make for others who can do the job with the seriousness and dedication that it

No donbt, our leadership is fully aware of the situation. How far that awareness spreads down to the middle and lower ranks of our bureaucracy is a different matter altogether. By and large we see a bandful of serious and devoted people in the various departments of the ministries and related organisations and they are trying to do the impossible with others around them who are there for the impossible with others around them who are there for the sake of being there. This is an area which requires very

Quite simply, the "dead wood" in our bureaucracy is too high to be tolerated. The situation should have been addressed a long time ago, but it is never too late.



## THE WEEK IN PRINT

# People must feel the peace dividend

Reviewed by Elia Nasrallah

THE PEACE treaty continued to assume prominence in the editorials and local Arabic press in the past week. The situation in the occupied Arab lands, the Casablanca economic conference and domestic affairs were also covered by the press.

The majority with which the Foreign Affairs Committee in the Lower House of Parliament approved the Jordan-Israel peace treaty gives rise to belief that the agreement will be endorsed by both Houses of Parliament, said Al Dustour daily. Indeed, the treaty has already won the approval of the various public sectors, which have been displaying their opinion through marches and banners all over the country, said the daily.

That the Arab countries have accepted the idea of the Madrid conference three years ago to reach peace with Israel based on U.N. resolutions and held negotiations with Israeli delegations, it was natural for them to conclude agreements on peace and securing Arab rights, said Ibrabim Al Absi in Al Ra'i daily. The Jordan-Israel peace treaty came as no surprise to any one, said the writer. For this reason, he said, the Jordan-Israe treaty is not a separate treaty nor can it prove that the Jordanians have turned their backs to the other Arab parties.

Reflecting on the U.S. role in the peacemaking process, a columnist in Al Dustour said that U.S. President Bill Clinton has exceeded all norms in his display of support for the Jewish state and promised to confinue America's aid to Israel. Washington's support for Israel is something that raises no eyebrows in the Arab World. but it is most surprising to see the Arabs resorting to Washington to play the role of a neutral mediator between the Arab countries and Israel, said the writer. What is even more surprising is to see Arabs expecting from Washington to exercise pressure on the Jewish state to grant them their rights and fulfill their re-

quirements of just peace. Arriving at peace does not merely means signing a document ending four de-

pressed teadiness to help the Israelis to find the percades of bostilities but the petrators. Earlier, the Palestine authority had real peace is something that must be felt by the people shown that it was ready to said Fakhri Saleb in Al government vis-a-vis the Dustour. The peace treaty, question of the abducted he said, should prompt Israeli soldier and that too Israel to stop dragging its caused Hamas to direct its feet about giving back the wrath towards Chairman Palestinian people their rights, ending occupation Yasser Arafat and his authority. and terminating all forms Commenting on Israeli of curfews and measures designed to starve the Palestinians, stressed the

writer. He said the peace

treaty makes it incumbent

on Israel to act in a friendly

rather than hostile attitude

towards the Arabs inside

and outside the occupied

Hamadeh Faraaneh, a writer in Al Dustour, said

that in addition to different

and divergent views about

the peace treaty inside Jordan,

the Syrians and the Palesti-

nians among others are also

opposing the deal, But, he

said, the treaty should be

viewed as serving the

Jordanian interests before

any other's. The treaty

should be viewed from the

Jordanian point of view

and not from the Syrian,

Lebanese or Palestinian

views because Jordan is

aware of its own interests

more than the others.

which only consider their

own concepts when eva-

luating the Oct. 26 deal

between Jordan and Israel.

tor of Shina, said suppor-

ters and opponents of the

treaty have expressed their

views about the idea of

peace with Israel, since

each party claims that it

represents the majority of

views in the country, a re-

ferendum is the only way to

gauge the actual public

views with regard to the

peace treaty, the writer

said. He also said that hold-

ing a referendum will be

constitutional and no one

can blame the government

Reflecting on the situa-tion inside the occupied

Palestinian lands and the

self-rule areas, Mohammad

Kharroub, a columnist in

Al Ra'i, said that relations

between the Palestine

National Authority (PNA)

and Hamas have been con-

tinually strained and the

coming days could witness

confrontations. The writer

said that the Palestine

National Authority has not

only condemned the Tel

Aviv bus blast but also ex-

for its results.

Riad Al Hroub, the edi-

measures against the Palestinian people despite the Jordan-Israel peace treaty, Taher Al Adwan, a columnist in Al Dustour, said that it is clear that Israel does not want to give up Jerusalem and other parts of the occupied lands and is therefore pursuing arbitrary measures against the Palestinians. Ahmad Al Misleh, a col-

umnist in Al Ra'i, described the Casablanca conference as one that ushered in a new shape of the future Middle East. Though the conference was supposedly an economic meeting, the Israelis had wanted to exploit it for their own political objec-tives, said the writer. Even the Arab League had warned that Israel was trying to maintain its begemony on the Arabs in the peace time as it did in the wars with the Arab countries, said the writer. Hegemony, said the writer, is more dangerous now since it is emerging under the

banner of peace. Israel is the party that achieved gains from the Casablanca conference which served as a political forum rather than an economic gathering, said Issa Shueibi in Al Dustour. The writer said that by attending the conference, Israel has secured for itself acceptance by the countries of the region as a Middle Eastern nation ready to join any regional bloc in all economic and political matters. But, he said that the conference made it clear to the world that the Arab-Israeli peace agreements unless backed by economic projects that would ensure better living conditions for the local populations.

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treaty with Israel, the Ministry of Culture has nine months to adopt measures aimed at ensuring normal cultural relations with the Jewish state, said Ibrahim Ajlouni, a writer in Al Ra'i daily. This means that our culture minister is bound to bold meetings with his Israeli counterpart to declare normalisation of cultural relations and pave the ground for future cultural and scientific cooperation between the two sides, said Ajlouni. As long as this is expected, he said, the Ministry of Culture ought to get down to work im-mediately and decide on steps that would safeguard Jordan's own cultural

norms and ideologies. Reflecting on the Agricultural situation in Jordan. a writer in Al Ra'i daily said that despite the earlier promises from the government to come to the aid of the farmers through an agricultural insurance system, nothing has been done to date while the farmers continue to face one natural disaster after another. Nazih said that the storms of the past month, which caused extensive damage to farmlands and green houses in the Jordan Valley, did not receive immediate attention on the part of the government and the farmers are lamenting their fortune following their heavy losses. The idea of agricultural insurance, he said, came about in the wake of repeated tragedies that befell the farmers in the past and he said tragedies are bound to happen again, especially this winter and the government is urged to take the initiafive to revive idea of insur-ing farmlands and extending practical help to the farmers.

## Correction

A PRODUCTION error in the Jordan Times of Nov. 3-4 resulted in the omission of the name of the writer of the article, "Ingratitude," which appeared on page 6. The writer is Kheir Allah Kheir Allah, who is the managing editor of the London-based Al Hayat newspaper.

## **LETTERS**

# Alarming comments

To the Editor:

ON READING the report "Experts discuss altering education curricula" (Jordan Times, Oct. 26), I was astounded at the comments made by Iyad Qattan and Amin Mahmoud. These comments appear to be in complete variance with the reported statements made by Minister of Education Abdul Raouf Rawabdeb and Mustafa Hamarneh, president of the Centre for Strategic Studies at Jordan University, who stated that "we should not permit the rewriting of our history." Why, indeed, should we think to do so?

However, according to Mr. Qattan, "all aggressive references and references to the occupation will have to be altered and historical references with respect to Arabs and Jews will require rethinking." Why?

Are our schools today teaching students exaggerated, bysterical lies, and not historical facts?

Although Mr. Qanan admitted it would be most difficult,

became further aghast at his suggestion of "replacing any Koranic verses deemed offensive with other verses." Can this actually be allowed? Were such changes ever considered to the Bible or the Torah?

Dr. Mahmoud. on the other hand, states that "the whole concept of Zionism will have to be rewritten in a different way." Again I ask, wby? He continues "we ... will have to be cautious about wording; and the use of descriptive references to such as 'massacre'". I cannot think of any other word that best describes what happened at Deir Yassin, and much more recently in the Hebron Mosque. The gruesome devastation that occurred in Sabra and Chatilla can only be described as a 'bolocaust', or is that descriptive word acceptable only in relation to the Nazi persecution of the Jews?

Has South Africa rewritten its history and denied apartheid? Or have the allies and Germany, who fought 🕏 fierce and long battles in two world wars, rewritten their

On the day of the peace signing, Israeli children laid wreaths on graves of their fallen "martyrs" after being lectured in school on the benefits of having peace with Jordan. But according to Dr. Mahmoud, "instead of teaching students that the Zionist goal was 10 occupy Palestine, we will now have to teach them that Zionism was a solution to the misery of the Jews." What about our misery? Are we to no longer acknowledge, let alone honour, our dead, those who fell in battle as martyrs while defending our bomeland?

May the reasoning of Mr. Rawabdeb and Dr. Hamameh be beard above that of our prestigious educationalists Mr. Qattan and Dr. Mahmoud, who certainly appear to have designs on rewriting our history to the ultimate benefit and satisfaction of our Zionist neighbours with whom we are now at peace. Historical facts are facts. We want peace with pride, not humiliation and subjugation.

G. Patricia Dajani,

## Towards liberal economy

To the Editor:

While running the risk of sounding as if this is an attempt to denigrate the present plans to increase the number of the free zone outlets, I feel prompted to laud such plans only in as much as they recognise an awareness of the needs to liberalise the national economy, yet, certainly, not of the long-term effectiveness of the plans per se. I refer to the article "Jordan's Free Zones Corporation," by Musa Al Jaghbeer (Jordan Times, Oct. 26).

Jordan's economic musts are evidenced in their overall potentials, namely, as a transit area, a storage area, and a pivotal landmark in international trade and tourism, ever keeping within focus the untapped super rich basin of "chemicals" in the Dead Sea area in particular. Jordan's economic musts are ordained by providence,

with geography and history and the dictates of the country's needs designed to remain the residential companions of this reality. Here lies Jordan's absolute economic advantages and its comparative economic achievements. rlowever, in the light of the recent economic and sociopolitical realities which are griping the area in galloping suddeness, Jordan can no longer afford but to

think Jordan. Only a strong Jordan can genuinely render help and assistance to others in need. Jordan's self-interest, and the needs for its continued prosperity could only be served (bowing again to these ordained givens) by declaring the country in its political boundaries as a free trading area. Whence, the country will

become the market and the market the country. Pessimists would maintain that this is easier said than done. But apart from seeking to protect their interests; what else could one expect from pessimists?

Optimists, on the other hand, would readily maintain that it could and should be realised. For Jordan, to be or not to be, should not be left to the whims of the pessimists, or the bonest-to-God appeals of the optimists. Jordan must be freed from the shackles of

errors by trial. The future welfare, security and prosperity of Jordan can no more withstand further procrastination. Nontheless, these well intentioned, yet lilliputian endeavours to increase the number of free zones, should, at best, be viewed as temporary stream-lined extensions of

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# short of funds

UNRWA has also stressed AMMAN - The establishment of the Palestinian the centrality of Palestine refugees living in Jordan, Leha-National Anthority in the non and Syria to the peace process. The agency empha-Gaza Strip and Jericho has resulted io the development sised the importance of en-suring that these refugees were included in regional deof a new phase in the relationship between the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNvelnpment. RWA) and Palestinians, says By the end of June 1994 UNRWA had received \$88 the head of the Vienna-based

million in donations for PIP agency.
UNRWA CommissionerGeneral Ilter Turkmen wrote and implementation of \$17 millinn has already begun, Mr. Turkmen reported. in his annual report to the U.N. General Assembly, which was presented Tuesday Accurding to the report, etween June 1993 and July to the U.N. special political and decolonisation commit-1994 relief and social services absorbed approximately 11 per cent of agency expendi-

tered a new era in its rela-During that period the number of UNRWA reg-istered Palestine refugees intionship with the Palestinian Mr. Turkmen said that creased from 2.8 million to UNRWA had begun to dismore than three million, cuss and coordinate projects and programme initiatives with Palestinian institutions. while the number of people receiving special hardship assistance declined frum 180,647 to 177,205 because of He added that in addition to maintaining services provided for uver 40 years UNthe agency's emphasis on

self-reliance. However, reviewing UN-RWA's finances Mr. Turkmen expressed concern that the agency's regular programmes were increasingly threatened by a budget de-

"At a time when the agency is receiving substantial contributions to improve the basic physical and social infrastructure in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, it is ironic that the lack of contributions to UNRWA's regular budget is threatening to erode the quality and range of programmes which have helped sustain Palestine refugees for

ovet 40 years. "Unfurtunately, no cost-cutting exercise, short of cancelling programmes, can generate enough funds to cover shurtfalls in our regular budget fut 1994 and beyond," said Mr. Turkmen.

# UNRWA says it is | How much protection, how much openness at White House?

New incident opens old question of proper balance

By Alexander M. Sullivan

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Secret Service now says it

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Treasury Secretary Linyd

Bentsen, who has overall responsibility for the Secret

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protective detail, tuld re-

porters Oct. 31 that be was

expanding a guvernment

inquiry — already under-way in the wake of a Sept.

12 crash of a light aircraft

on the White House South

Lawn — to include the latest incident. He pointed

out that "you can't have a

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WASHINGTON - The spray of bullets that bounced off the front wall of the White House Oct. 29 has quickly reopened an old quescon about the safety of U.S. presidents: What s the proper halance between giving citizens access to their leaders and public buildings, and protecting the latter from would-be assailants?

It highlighted again the nhereot tensinn between roteeting the natino's chief executive frum cranks, the mentally ill and the actual assassin, and the desire of the American people — and most presidents - to have upon acccss to the president's

home.

In the most recent epi-sode, a suspect identified as rancisco Martin Duran of Colorado Springs, Colorado, turned a bright autumn afternonn on Pennsylvania Aveoue to chaos by pulling an assault rifle from underneath his topcoat and firing 20 to 30 rounds at the White House. Remarkably, no one was injured. As he sought to reload his ifle, Mr. Duran was tackled by three civilians who detained bim until uniformed Secret Service agents could take him intu

ustody Mr. Duran purchased the on he used - a Chinesemade Nurinco SKS semiautomatic rifle — on Sept. 12, the day President Bill Clinton signed into law an anti-crime measure outlawing sale of many assault-

dun't think there's going to be any change in that protype rifles.
He has tald authorities

Five days a week, thuusands of persons trek through the public rooms of the White House on guided tours. The president's living quarters on the second and third floors uf the mansinu are nnt open to the public, but tours pass through the Grand Foyer, the East Room and the State Dining Room and give visitors views of the Red Room, the Green Room, the Blue Room, the Library and the

Map Room. Very tight control of ac cess is maintained for all of these activities. Except for White House staff, all who enter pass through metal detectors. There are guard posts located all around the

goes ont to see them. I In fact, the White House

is almost always aswirl with public activity. There are frequent bill-signings and ceremonies in its offices, briefings and news conferences in its working quarters, speeches and diploma-tic events staged un its ex-pansive South Lawn, receptions and dinners in its state rnums. Hundreds, sometimes thousands nf Americans are invited to it. Occasionally, events - like some eeremnnies con-nected with the Camp David accords — are held un the Nurth Grounds, the front side of the mansion facing Pennsylvania Avenne; President Clinton bas beld public events in front of the entrance to its West Wing, scene of the Oct. 29 incident.



President Bill Clinton

mansion perimeter. Snipers frequently patrol the build-ing's roof. The grounds are marked off by a threemetre-high fence of metal spikes. Concrete posts, linked by heavy chain, guard the sidewalk against the intrusion of wheeled vebicles.

Following the carbomb attack on the U.S. Marine Corps barracks in Beirut a decade agn, the gates to the mansion's grounds were heavily reinforced to prevent a car or truck from ramming its way through. In addition to static security at the guard posts, uniformed Secret Service agents, some with trained dogs, patrol the grounds, and electronic munuu sensors guard against intru-

Beyond all that, aircraft are forbidden entry to the air space around the man-

Nonetbeless, intruders un the ground and in the air have penetrated the security screen un a few occasions, including the two must recent incidents.

What's tn be done? Nothing more, many traditionalists answer. As Agent Meyer points out, "you can't have a president operating in a vacuum. You all have seen (that) when he goes out and meets the people be really is invigorated... you can see the change take over. I don't think that absolute security is either possible" ur feasí-

Security for President ly bard task for the Secret Service, given his active lifestyle, his desire to meet as many ordinary citizens as he can, and his passion for outdonr physical exercise. Althnugh supporters paid for a running track around the South Lawn, Mr. Clintun prefers early-murning jugs out into the city streets, trailed by Secret Service agents and re-

One proposal given new impetus by Mr. Duran's bullets is a decade-old Secret Service proposal to close Pennslyvania Avenue traffic. Given the fact that Pennsylvania Avenue is a main traffic artery, the nation's ceremonial boulevard for Inaugural Parades and other events, and a major tourist attraction, the resurrection of the closure proposal is a measure of the extreme remedies that pop up when White House security is the topic.

So far, only Pennsylvania Avenue closure has surfaced as a specific new security proposal, and Mr. Clinton — while saying he will await the results of the security review — has sig-nalled through aides his distaste for the idea.

# Kohl again can be good for alliance and Europe

By Henry A. Kissinger

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In the German political

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Iran calls for better NEW YORK - Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coalition ties with Gulf states has prevailed with the narrowest margin in the Bun-destage since the first Ger-man national election after he advised Washington. "How in the world do you the war, wheo Konrad expect Iran to surrender? Adenauer emerged aschancellor by dint of a single Three thousand years ago while you were feeding from vote (presumably his own). wild fruits, this nation had a Mr. Kohl's is nevertheless an extraordinary achieve-

Mr. Rafsanajui also hailed ment. the U.N. General Assembly's He rebouoded from vole for lifting the Bosnia being behind by double arms embargo, saying it was digits to win his fourth con-"good news." secutive election despite a Mt. Rafsanjani hoped the major recession, in the face non-bi rding resolution would of a substantial tax increase "pave the way for an end to in West Germany to cover the Bosnian crisis and injusthe unexpectedly high costs of unification, and in the "It is good news and we are midst of the pangs of up-

he said. The 184-member General Assembly voted Thursday, for the second consecutive yeat, to lift the embargo on deliveries of arms to the Bos-

great civilisation here."

nian government, dominated by Muslims. The measure was sponsored by non-aligned and want money, this scenario Muslim nations together with

the United States. The resolution was passed by a 97-0 vote, but 61 countries abstained, including 10 of the 15-member Security Council, the U.N.'s decision-

in a speech on the 15th anniversary of the seizure of making body. the U.S. embassy in Tehran, Last year's vote was 109-0 also denounced what he calwith 57 abstentions, and it led Washington's threats and included one fewer abstention among Security Council

> Iran is a staunch supporter of Bosnian Muslims and has urged the world commuoity to lift the arms embargo

against them. Mr. Rafsanjani also voiced welcomed military victories by the Bosnian army against Serbian forces.

We hope such victories will continue, because there is a fear that Satanic forces could change the situation in

from becoming a dominant chancellor. And it will not by itself dimioish Mr. their favour." he said.

A Muslim offensive has Kohl's authority, because the Kohl coalition's real been underway in northwestmargin is greater than it ern Bosnia against the Serb appears. No current leader would accept becoming chancellor through the 30 seats of the furmer Communist Party, which enteted the Bundestag by a hetetofote inuperative clause in the constitution. To change the chancellur, the Free Democratic Party with its 47 seats would have to switch coalitions.

But this is precisely why the election is likely to be viewed in retrospect as an augury of impending upheaval in the German poliocal landscape; in fact, as the beginning of the end of the Kohl era — an event which will bring home to Europe and to America bow much Atlantic and European cohesioo has become to depend on his tuwering personality.

He bas managed the NATO missile deployment, the unification of Germany and the integration of Europe with such matter-of-factness that few remember how precarious those processes were at ev-

ery step along the way. But the election makes it likely that Mr. Kuhl's coalinon partner, the Liberal Free Democratie Party, will at a minimum become increasingly fractious. It may even abandon the coalition altogether and switch sides by midterm.

For the Free Democrats are having an identity crisis. They know that they scraped by in this election by the skin of their teeth; they came very close to failing to achieve the 5 per cent of the total vote that is a prerequisite to entry into the federal parliament. They may well have crossed that hurdle primarily because Mr. Kohl's party encouraged the switch of enough of its own votes to sustain the governing coalition. And they have lost every election to state legislatures in the last three

years. The FDP seems to have reached the point which Hans-Dietrich Genscher. the former vice chanceling

and foreign minister, described to me in 1980, when his party had beeo io coali-tion with the Social Democrats for more than 10 years. He said then that the FDP would bave to look for an opportunity to switch during the next electoral period because if its voters became too accustomed to a permaneut coalition with the SPD, they would lose interest in a separate existence and

That situation seems to have arisen again, although the current FDP leader does not have the manipulative skill of Mr. Genscher and would have to take into account the risk of a complete disintegration of his party if he tried to change coalitions.

vote for the SPD directly.

Bnt self-interest will drive the FDP towards greater assertiveness, and, at an opportune moment, tempt it to switch coalitions for which the narrow margin of victory provides the mathematical possibility, as it did not in the last Bundestag. A switch at that time would not have sufficed to produce a majority for any alternative chancel-

By contrast, if, in the wake of the recent election, the FDP joins the Socialists and the Greens, the liberals will be in a position to elect a new chancellor. Mr. Kubl's position will therefore be unprecedentedly precarious, and his government will require far greater effort than it has oeeded beretofore to pass its legislative programme.

In addition, his own party may be tempted into succession maneuovres, although his domination of the machinery has so far squeiched all would-be suc-

Mr. Kohl binted strongly that, if elected, he might not serve more than two years and would hand over the rest of his term to a successor of his own choosing. But after the recent election, such a procedure could trigger the shift in coalitions by giving the FDP a pretext to reject the Christian Democratic Un-

ion's choice.

On the other hand, if Mr. Kohl serves out the course, he will have an exhausting term as a prelude to fighting another bitter election battle, with, this time, very uncertain allies constantly teviewing whether they are more likely to reach 5 per cent as the right wing of an SPD-lcd coalition or as the left wing of a CDU coali-

To me, these are melancholy prospects because I consider Helmut Kohl onc of the seminal figures of our period. He has been a guarantce of Germany's Atlantie and European orientation and a shield against the nationalistic or romantic temptations from which his people have suffered through much of their modern history.

This does not reflect a lack of confidence in the leaders of the principal opposition party, the SPD. which proved its sense of responsibility under Chancellors Willy Brandt and Helmut Schmidt. Since then, however, its radical wing bas grown far more restless; its coalition party would be the Greens, whose formal programme rejects the Atlantic Alliance and a major international role for Germany. The centre of gravity of such a coalition would be much further left and make the implementation of traditional Atlantic policy

The approaching end of the Kohl era is due not only to electoral arithmene but to the transition in generations. Mr. Kohl is the last West German leader with a living memory of World War II and its aftermath, and for whom American help in reconstructing Europe represents a per-

much more difficult.

sonal, indeed a sentimental, experience. The next generation -

of all the parties - will be less tied to traditional interptetations, mote coolheaded about assessing national interests, and more ready to assert a national German role. This will be reinforced by the growing influence of the formerly Communist part of Germany - a region whose people lived under totalitarianism for 60 years, did not experience the great period of Atlantic cooperation and European construction, and saw in oationalism a refuge from

Communist oppression. These trends are compound by the fact that the post-Cold War world has cut Germany lonse from some of its previous mour-

When Germany was divided, Europe provided a political home and a substitute for a national policy. So loog as German armies stood on the Elbe, the Atlantic Alliance was essential for German security. Germany's unification removes one incentive for subordination to supranational institutions, and the retreat of Russian forces from Central Europe eliminates another.

At the same time, there has been no American inioative to define new purposes for the Atlantic Alliance other than the Partnership for Peace, which erodes geographic delineations without developing new common purposes.

No wonder that both the extent and the content of Europe have become controversial - all temptations to a more national role.

For America, the approaching end of the Kohl period represents a watersbed of its own: whether to continue empbasising new universalist institutions that threaten to weaken progressively the

change the nature of the European Union, or to turn to revitalising the existing building blocks of the European otdet and the Atlantic Community.

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The Clinton administration will not have time to pursue both approaches in partnership with Mr. Kohl; it must establish priorities. Unless the Atlaotic Alliance is given a mission and a purpose reflecting its historic esseoce, it will gradually dissolve in a mishmash of universalist slogans indistinguishable from those of the United Nations and of general collective security. One can hardly build Europe, or an Atlantic partnership, if one is not

willing to define where Ecrope begins and ends. In the time remaining, America must work with Mr. Kobl on defining membership in both the Atlantic Alliance and the European Union for the states of Eastern Europe, and on creating new but different structures for political consultation with the states arising out of the former

Soviet Union.

A clear sense of identity of the Atlantic Alliance and a clear definition of the European Uoion are a prerequisite to good relations with Russia. The reluctance to draw new lines means reliance on those made irrelevant by the end of the cold war. But neither Europe oor the Atlantic Alliance can stop at the East German border without creating a vacuum between Germany and Russia - the historic source of

European wars. Revitalisiog Eoropean and Atlantic institutions would be a noble culmination of Mr. Kohl's stewardship. It is important, for, whatever happens, America and Europe will not soon find so reliable and courageons a partner as Chancellor Kobl.

Los Angeles Times.

## Hamas protesters slam Arafat

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without triggering civil war. And Mr. Alpher did not think Israel was about to embark on a killing spree in Gaza like the bunt for the

Munich attackers. But he said: "If this kind of escalation takes place, it's not a good thing. It's not good for the peace process. It is better for Arafat to get the mes-

Police escorted Friday's marchers who carried black flags and banners through teeming Gaza City chanting Islamic slogans and nttacking Mr. Arafat's autonomy deal with Israel.

"Oh Arafat, this is your peace, nothing but jail and detentions, they raged.

Another banner read: "We

tell those who flexed their muscle to search for the Israeli soldier to do the same and find Hani Abed's killer." It was a reference to a Palestinian police erackdown on Hamas ordered by Arafat

after the movement kidoapped a soldier on Oct. 9. But there was support for Mr. Arafat from about 700 Fatch members who rallied in front of his Gaza headquarHe came out to greet them as they chanted "with our blood and sool we will defend you Arafat" and he was hoisted shoulder-high. "The most important thing

in these difficult moments is our national unity, nothing must harm that." Mr. Arafat said. "I tell my brothers in Fatch to be padent," he said, quoting from the Koran. Islamic Jihad and Hamas

issued statements condemning Israeli attempts to start a "civil war" among Palesonians and urged unity. "Our people will stand un-

ited with all its forces, including the Palestinian authority, in the face of these plats, said a cleric, reading a statement at a mosque from where the demonstrators walked to Abed's house.

The Jibad, which bas claimed responsibility for a series of attacks on Israelis in recent years, pledged to "make the Zionist enory pay for this new crime."

On Thursday, young activists evicted Mr. Arafat from Abed's mosque funeral, knocking off his headdress and chanting slogans against him. In the Palestinian leader's first public statements after the incident, be played

down the wild scene.
"The wind never moves the mountain, don't let anything harm our unity," said Mr. Arafat.

Immediately after Mr. Arafat was evicted from the mosque a delegation apolo-gised to the Palestinian leader, blaming the incident on street hotheads not directly connected to Islamie move-

ments.
"What happened yesterday
was a very bad mistake,"
Hamas leader Mahmoud Zahar told the crowd of thousands gathered outside Abed's home after Friday

prayers.
"We must remain united."

But despite their calls for unity, Hamas leaders still blamed the Palestinian National Authority in part for Abed's death because of their lack of protection for

Abed was a suspect in the May schonong death of two Israeli soldiers and Palestinians blame Israel for his death. Israeli sources said he had ordered a carbomb constructed to explode inside Israel and press reports said a stolen car had already been readied.

the Islamie factions.

"The time has come for the Palestinian security forces to confront informants instead of hounding the holy fighters," said a Hamas leaflet. | Gen. Aideed's statement.

## U.N. force to leave Somalia

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Aideed came as a surprise to

UNOSOM. But Gen. Aideed said representatives from the 12 facoons taking part in the con-ference had last month informed Mr. Gbeho of their decision to hold the meeting and had requested UN-

OSOM's assistance

"It is very ironic, to say the least, that the special representative of the secretarygeneral has resorted to empty gestures and outright misinformation ... to retard the reconciliation conference," adding that the United Naoons "could not be a party to the divisive move of this Gen. Aideed's arch rival. self-styled Interim President

participatiog in the meeting,

Mr. Gbeho said the exclu-

sion of certain factions

would be a recipe for con-

onued strife and violence,

Ali Mahdi Mohammad, also denounced the conference as unilateral and refused to participate.

# Dollar tossed as U.S. data add to rate rise pressure

foreign-exchanges Friday after U.S. labour data put increasing pressure on the U.S. Federar Reserve (Fed) to tighten credit policy, dealers

said. "The basic view is (the data are) very good for the U.S. economy but it really does mean the Fed are going to have to do something very. very quickly," said a dealer at a U.K. bank here. "And by quickly, I mean this after-

U.S. non-farm payrolls rose 194,000 in October, below forecasts for a 238,000 rise but strong enough to show the Fed needed to act aggressively to combat inflaion, dealers said.

In September, non-farm payrolls rose 248,000. But of more interest to

LONDON (R) — The dollar economists were the strong pitched and tossed on the increases in the average U.S. work week and earnings, which signalled the Fed had not done enoguh so far to quell inflation, they said.

> Malcolm Barr, economist at Chemical Bank in London, said the market had been short of dollars ahead of the figures and was covering those positions. He said there was no sign of Fed support, adding: "It looks like they don't need to, it's holding up independently.

Brian Hilliard, senior international economist at Societe Generale Strauss Turnbull here, said the recent dollar weakness reflected general poor sentiment over J.S. financial assets. "As long as that remains, you're not going to see a turn in the dollar," he said.

# Deputy premier quits in new Russian government upheaval dips 0.7% to \$62.92b in 6 months

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Mr. Shokhin, in announc-

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MOSCOW (AFP) — Russia's government and its economic reforms were hit by new upheaval Friday with the resignation of Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Shokhin in protest at the appointment of an ex-communist as finance minister.

Mr. Shokhin, 42, an avid market reformer who also served as economy minister, was the fifth senior official to lose his job following the collapse of the rouble

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin expressed surprise and regret at Mr. Shokhin's resignation offer, but said Friday that the decision would be accepted by President Boris Yeltsin.

Mr. Shokhin acted after Mr. Yeltsin Thursday named Vladimir Panskov, 50, to replace interim finance minister Andrei Vavilov, who was fired for his alleged responsibility in the rouble crisis, which saw the currency lose 21 per cent of its value on

hold me responsible for the lack of coordination of minis-Mr. Panskov was a deputy finance minister in the Soviet tries in charge of the ecoera and had worked since nomy.

He said he would have May as deputy director of. been prepared to drop his Mr. Yeltsin's budget and fieconomy minister portfolio and accept the hlame for the Mr. Yeltsin branded the October rouble plunge, had crisis a "financial coup d'etat" aimed at trying to bring he been consulted about the appointment of Mr. Panskov.

His Security Council "I would bave accepted Wednesday issued a report directly blaming the central this responsibility only if the nomination of the ministers of finance and economy were made with my approval. But I have just learned that the some commercial banks for profitting "directly and on a president has named Mr. Panskov to the finance minislarge scale from the serious

try," he added.
"I regret that Chemomyrdin did not inform me about this appointment," Mr. It accused finance ministry and the central bank of trying to ease the government's burgeoning budget deficit by Shokhin said.

"Just yesterday he told me he bad never seen Panskov in his life. It's a very strange step to name someone to such a high post who is unknown by the prime minister." Mr. Shokhin said.

# Japan's current account surplus

TOKYO (R) — Japan's buge current account surplus, dipped in the six months to the end of September and economists expect it to keep falling - although at a snail's

pace for a while at least. The finance ministry said Friday that the six-month surplus fell 0.7 per cent from a year earlier to \$62.92 billion. "The trade surplus is com-

ing down slowly... and from here through the rest of the year and the excruciatingly slow decline is likely to continue," said Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities (Japan) economist Christ Calderwood.

In September alone, the nation's surplus in its current account - the broadest measure of trade in goods and services - narrowed to a seasonable unadjusted \$11.63 billion from a revised \$13.10

billion a year earlier. The September snrplus came in reassuringly lower than the consensus among

private economists polled by Reuters, who had forecast it would shrink to \$12.4 billion.

Japan's surplus in trade alone widened 2.2 per cent from a year earlier to \$72.22 billion in the six months through September. In the month of Septem-

ber, the trade balance was a \$14.07 billion surplus compared with snrpluses of \$14.62 billion a year earlier and \$8.65 billion in August.

"The situation in which the surpluses just keep growing has changed and monthly fi-gures will in general not exceed those of a year ago. But the pace of decline will be slower than we originally thought," said Tetsuro Sano, an economist at Nikko Research Centre.

Economists said robust exports to U.S. and Asian markets were dampening the pace of the trade surplus decline, despite strong growth in imports.

"Despite the yen's rise, exports to the U.S. and Asia are strong — it can't be helped," Mr. Sano said, adding that an expected pickup in European economies would also suck in more Japanese goods.

Exports rose 8.02 per cent from a year earlier to \$190.81 billion in the six months to September, while imports were up 11.92 per cent to \$118.59 billion, the finance ministry said.

Mr. Calderwood said, however, that strong import growth could bring surprising declines in the surplus next. calendar year.

Customs-cleared trade figures for the first 20 days of October, also released Friday, showed that exports rose 14.8 per cent from a year ago while imports jumped 24.6 per cent.

"We think there are probably some surprises on the import side three to six months ont," he said. "We might see the surplus falling more quickly than expected.

A finance ministry official told reporters that both the yen's rise, which makes imports cheaper, and competitive foreign products were belping to cut the surplus.

The yen has a part to play but there was also the fact that foreign companies were pricing their products competitively, and also they have been able to make goods which suit Japanese tastes," be said.

The surplus is already falling in yen than in dollar terms, since a strong yen inflates the dollar value of ex-

The current account surplus was 6.37 trillion yen in the six months to end-September, down 6.8 per cent from a year ago.

# Sentiment towards dollar remains fairly negative

The following report, covering the period from Thurs-lay, Oct. 27-1994 until Wednesday, Nov. 2-1994, is provided by Naser Nabulsi, private client group at Merrill-Lynch — Dubai.

## **Currency outlook**

### Overview

undamental View: Despite a round of Fed dollar huying, entiment towards the dollar remains fairly negative due to ingoing concerns about potential U.S. inflation, another nissed deadline in the U.S.-Japan trade talks and uncertainy about the upcoming U.S.-mid-term elections. Recent U.S. conomic indicators have been strong and it is widely xpected that the Fed will raise interest rates at the pcoming FOMC meeting on Nov. 15. Merrill Lynch conomists expect the Fed to raise both the Fed funds and he discount rate by 50 basis points at that time, though narkets may be discounting a rate rise larger than that.

Because the market is already anticipating an increase, it is inlikely that a 50 basis point charge will support the dollar reaningfully. A larger increase would do more to support he dollar near-term, but a larger increase could also be estabilising for the equity markets and discourage portfolio

apital inflows — a negative for the dollar.

We continue to expect the dollar to fall to levels as low as

M/USD 1.45 and JPY/USD 92 over the next twelve

echnical View: In recent weeks, European currencies bave een relatively strong against the U.S. dollar, while both the sustralian and Canadian dollars have been under at least ome pressure. Last week (ending Oct. 28) those fortunes ere at least temporarily reversed as the European currenthe Japanese ven fell against the greenback, while le Australian and Canadian currencies rallied. In the end, te dollar index gained 0.4 per cent for the week. While this Ivance can be characterised as being fairly modest, it was ie fourth gain in six weeks and was the best performance nce late August. The July-August momentum lows con-nue to be the lows for the post-February dollar decline; as a sult the weakness of recent weeks has not been confirmed. Overall, sentiment for the dollar is neutral, but is working f a recent overhought condition (particularly against the m). Thus, some hacking and filling may still be required fore sentiment is positioned for a good bottom. Until that prioring is formed, the downtrend remains intact with edium term resistance at 88.00-88.40 and long term sistance at 90.30-90.60. The index has so far held support 84.90, but a decisive break of that level could well signal

further weakness to below 83.00 and perhaps a full test to the 1992 low near 78.00.

### Japanese yen

Fundamental View: The inability of U.S. and Japan trade negotiators to wrap-up the final details of a flat glass accord reached at the beginning of October in time for the U.S. imposed deadline of Oct. 31 added to negative dollar sentiment. Looking ahead, economic data released later in the week may further add to downward pressure on the dollar-yen exchange rate. The U.S. employment report for October will be released Friday and should employment growth come in higher than expected, inflation fears will probably be heightened. Also on Friday, Japan's current account surplus for September will be released. It is expected to widen in dollar terms because of the J-curve effect.

As we have noted before, U.S.-Japan current account and capital flow imbalances are putting the majority of the pressure on the yen-dollar exchange rate. Though Japan's current account surplus is narrowing in yen terms, it will take some time for the imbalance to show substantial improve-

Moreover, we have recently trimmed our 1994 Japanese growth forecast to 1 per cent from 1.3 per cent due to the weaker-than-expected second quarter. We still expect growth to be near 3 per cent next year. We maintain our 12-month forecast of JPY/USD 92.

Technical View: The Japanese yen fell 0.2 per cent versus the U.S. dollar during the week ended Oct. 28: Sentiment has begun to show signs of deterioration; the Consensus Inc. weekly sentiment reading came in at 46 per cent bulls, with the three-week moving average at 23 per cent. Despite the weekly improvement, this latter figure is still a constructive (oversold) reading for the currency and implies that, even with weak momentum, nearby reactions will probably be

Thus, despite the recent temporary break below the 1994 term (first) resistance exists at 100.80 Y/U.S.S, with longer term resistance coming in at 101.80. Important support exists a 97.60; a break of that level would allow for a move

## **Deutschemark**

Fundamental View: The Deutschemark has managed to hold on to its gains, following the Kohl victory in the German election, continuing to trade near DM/USD 1.50 though challenging the downside. The mark continues to benefit from the market's ongoing concern that U.S. inflation is about to accelerate. Recent U.S. economic indicators have been strong and it is widely expected that the Fed will raise interest rates at the upcoming FOMC meeting on Nov. 15.

Merrill Lynch economists expect the Fed to raise both the Fed funds and the discount rate by 50 basis points at that time, though it appears the market may be discounting a rate rise larger than that. Because the market is already anticipating an increase, it is unlikely that a 50 basis point change will give the dollar much of a boost. A large increase would do more to support the dollar near-term but a larger increase could also be destabilising for the equity markets and discourage portfolio capital inflows and further encourage

portfolio capital outflows — a negative for the dollar. We maintain our forecast for the dollar to trend lower over the next six months to DM/U.S.\$ 1.45 before recovering to DM/U.S.\$ 1.50 in the six months after that. However, we caution that volatility will continue to plague the dollar for still some time to come.

Technical View: The Deutschemark declined 0.7 per cent against the U.S. dollar last week. Unlike the yen, sentiment for the D-mark is approaching overhought readings. Momentum has been deteriorating since August, and still

seems to have the potential to remain under pressure for the rest of the year. This suggest that the D-mark strength of recent weeks (as well as the underlying post-February uptrend) is reasonably close to a top. Nonetheless, it would likely require a decline back through at least 1.54 DM/U.S.\$, and more likely 1.60, to reverse that trend and fully substantiate the action of momentum. Strong resistance remains at 1.48; the currency has been testing that level, and a penetration would allow for

at least a challenge of 1.39: Against the yen, the D-mark fell 0.6 per cent last week. Medium term oscillators are overbought and short term indicators have peaked, suggesting a potential test of the lows of the long term trading range. That range generates support at 59-60, with resistance above 66.50.

## Pound sterling

Fundamental View: The British pound was stronger this eek as currency traders adjusted to the possibility of an official interest rate bike in the U.K. The pound remained near its two-year high of USD/GBP 1.64 while appreciating against the Deutschemark to DM/GBP 2.45. Recent strength in U.K. economic indicators has led to some speculation that there will be an official interest rate increase. But our London economics team does not expect an interest rate increase at this time. The recent strength in sterling should allow a rate increase to be put off until early 1995.

We maintain our positive outlook on the pound and expect it to continue to appreciate to USD/GBP 1.66 in six months time before slipping to USD/GBP 1.63 in the following six

Against the mark, we expect the pound to be trading around the current level of DM/GBP 2.45 in twelve months time. Resistance is at 2.467-2.475, with support at 2.38-2.41.

## Major hit by post privatisation climbdown

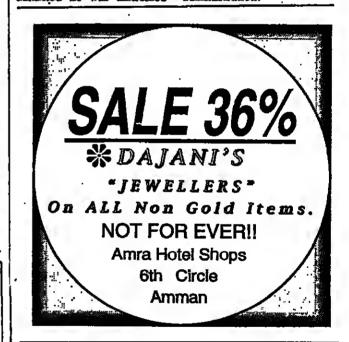
LONDON (R) — A humiliating climbdown over plans to privatise Britain's post office has exposed the weakness of John Major's government and could spur further rebellions within his disgruntled Conservative Party, especially over Europe.

A dozen Conservatives opposed to selling off the post office forced him Thursday to abandon at the last minute what was to have been the flagship economic policy of next year's legislative agenda.

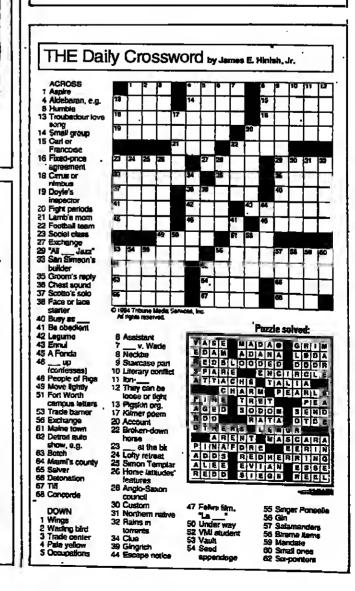
The big loser from the de-bacle is Trade Secretary Michael Heseltine, who admitted he was distressed that his cherished plan had been scuppered but vowed to stay in his job and fight.

Mr. Major himself had been cool about privatising the post office, and came out at last month's Conservative annual conference in favour of a quiet period of "con-solidation" instead of more upheavals in Britain's public

But by backing down so close to Nov. 16, when Qeen Elizabeth will unveil the government's legislative plans, Mr. Major has reinforced the public impression that be heads a dithering, indecisive



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# Wait-and-see attitude still prevails at Amman Financial Market

AMMAN - Investors continned to adopt a wait-andsee attitude at the Amman stock market despite the sign-ing of the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty and the Middle East and North Africa economic summit held in Casablan ca last week that held out promises of economic prosperity for Jordan, brokers said Friday.

Trading in the Amman Financial Market (AFM), was the Jordanian bourse is officially known, remained largely stagnant and prices also registered a small drop last week, the weekly AFM report said.

20.5 per cent from the pre-

vious weeks JD 3.9 million.

The general share price index based on 60 major companies closed at 143.1 points, down 0.5 points or 0.4 per cent from the week's opening of 143.6 points, the report showed

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the report said.

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The only sector to show a small increase was the industrial sector, whose index closed 0.4 points or 0.3 per cent up. The services sector index closed 5.3 points of 3.9 points down, the insurance sector index went down by 0.5 points or 0.4 per cent and the banking sector index de-clined by 0.5 points or 0.3 per

cent. Shares of 77 companies were traded during the week, with 16 of them showing slight gains, 47 losing and 14 remaining stable as business closed on Wednesday, the last day of trading for the week. Final accounting for the week is done on Thurs-

Brokers attributed the stagnancy in the market to what they described as a waitand-see attitude on the part of investors ahead of concrete signs of economie prospects for Jordan following the

peace treaty that the Kingdom signed with Israel on S

"It is not that investors do 👾 not expect anything to come. out of the peace treaty," said a broker. "They are awaiting details of possible new proiects so that they could judge. which companies are going to benefit and how and reflect

those expectations in the

stock market." The broker said investors were conscious of the prose pects that the Casablanca summit held out for economie development of Jordan but wanted to have detailed! information on what transpired during the conference and which sectors held out better chances before committing themselves.

# Foreign investment in U.S. rises

LOS ANGELES (AFP) -Direct foreign investment in the United States rose sharply in 1993 to \$26.2 hillion

from \$15.3 billion in 1992. The upward trend continued in the first half of 1994, with foreign purchases of U.S. stocks and entire companies rose to \$3.9 billion, according to the report

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or 47 per cent of the total. Investment in services doubled to \$3.93 billion, but real estate investment fell to \$1.61

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Swiss francs

billion from \$2.16 hilbon the previous year. Britain was the largest in-

vestor by country, almost quadrupling its stake from .3 billion to \$9.03 billion. Bnt recession in Japan saw investment from there fall

further to \$1.85 billion, down

from \$2.92 billion in 1992 and \$20 billion in 1990. Japan nonetheless continues to head the table of cumulative investments, at \$96.2 billion, ahead of Britain with \$95.4 billion.

Canada. Germany, the Netherlands and France all increased their U.S. investments last year, ranging from \$1.08 billion for France to \$3.99 billion for Canada.

New York headed the list of U.S. states for attracting foreign investment in 1993 with \$7.02 hillion, followed by Texas with \$4.1 billion and California at \$2.78 billion.

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## Asian countries are top providers of immigrants

to Canada OTTAWA (AFP) — Hong Kong is the top provider of immigrants to Canada, according to figures released by the Canadian government. And the British colony is followed by six more Asian

ers of immigrants. Last year, 36,485 immig-rants entered Canada from Hong Kong, followed by India (20,298), the Philippines (19,640), Taiwan (9,845), China (9,440), Sri Lanka (9,072) and Vietnam (8,007):

nations as the higgest provid-

The United States was the biggest non-Asian supplier of immigrants last year (7,982); followed by Britain (7,104) and Poland (6,852). However, the Canadian

government is planning to cut the number of immigrants. allowed into the country and would take measures to ensure that those admitted paid their own way.

The plan calls for between 190,000 and 215,000 immigrants and refugees to be allowed into Canada next

year, down from the anticipated figure of 230,000 for This is an about-turn from the governing Liberal Party's election manifesto last vea

which promised to increase immigration.
Immigration Minister Ser-

gio Marchi, himself an immigrant from Argentina, places greater emphasis on attracting well-educated immigrants with business skills

And in a move which could hit many potential immig-rants from Hong Kong, Mr. Marchi announced the suspension of an "investor-im; migrant" category until an investigation into alleged irregularities in the scheme had been completed.

Outlining the broad principles of his new plan, but without getting into details, Mr. Marchi said. "The government is committed to ensuring that newcomers to Canada can integrate and contribute to Canada as quickly as possible, without adding to the burden on social programmes."

"This means raising select tion standards; ensuring that Canadian bonour their responsibilities towards sponsored family members; and achieving an appropriate balance between the economie and family components," he

Immigration Canada officials said there would be better checking of applicationsby immigrants to sponsor their relatives, in order to ensure that sponsors will be able to support their relatives.

They added that there would also be ongoing checks after sponsored family members arrive in Canada, a response to allegations that many immigrants have failed to meet their financial ohligations towards their parents orgrandparents.

In many cases, immigrants who bad promised to be financially responsible for the parents or grandparents had been found to be living on social welfare and, unable to support their sponsored rela-

Immigrants may be obliged to post bonds to ensure their compliance with promises to look after their relatives financially, said Mr. Marchi. The minister said 'family'.

class" sponsorships in future will concentrate more on reuniting immigrants with their spouses and children than with their parents and grandparents.

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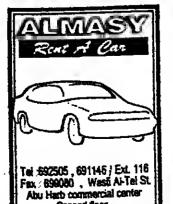
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# Arsenal, Chelsea fly flag for England

LONDON (Agencies) — De-fending champinn Arsenal and Chelsea both advanced to lift some of the gloom for English teams in European play, while clubs from Italy and Spain completed a near perfect week for their countries with victories Thursday in the Cup Winners Cup. lan Wright, celebrating his 31st birthday, scored in his club-record 11th consecutive game as Arsenal gained a

ter struggling to a 2-2 draw with Danish club Brondby. Arsenal advanced on a 4-3 aggregate, hut only after Brondby was denied an appal for a penalty in injury time after a strong second-half \_performance.

Wright, playing his first game in 11 days after suffering a groin injury, converted a penalty in the 25th minute fur his 16th goal of the season. Ian Selley also netted for Arsenal, but heavy underdog Brondby got goals from Bo Hansen and Dan Eggen, and Hansen was brought down in the Arsenal box in the closing seconds but did not draw the penalty.

Chelsea advanced on the away goals rule after Scottish striker John Spencer capped one of the most spectacular sold runs of the year with the deciding goal in a 1-1 draw at Austria Vienna. The teams played to a scoreless rie in the first leg in London two weeks

With two defenders trailing in his wake, Spencer ran 80 metres with the ball after a Vienna shot off a corner kick was blocked by a wall of Chelsea players.

Spencer, playing his first match after sitting out four weeks with a knee injury, then draws goalkeeper Franz Wohlfahrt away from the net and slotted home the crucial away goal in the 40th minute. "I don't think I will ever

score a better goal," Spencer said. "And I don't think I'll ever get a more important ooe. I kept thinking the sweeper was going to appear like a sniper from out of the grass, but he never did. I looked behind me a couple of times, but they never seemed to catch up. They were tread-

ing water."
The patchwork lineup of Chelsea, which has 14 players on the injured list, allowed a

SUZUKA (AFP) — Benetton Ford's world cham-

pionship leader Michael

Schumacher comfortably

beat Williams Renault chal-

lenger Damnn Hill in Fri-

day's first hattle for pole posi-

tion at the Japanese Grand

The 25-year-nld Schu-

macher, whn could became

Germany's first world cham-

pion Sunday, set an early time of 1min 37.209sec nn the

Suzuka track. No-one came

Schumacher then sat nut

most of the rest of the first

official practice because of

heavy traffic. Hill, who trails

his rival by only five points in

the title contest with two

races to go, clocked nnly

1:39.696 nn the 11th nf his 12

closer." said the 34-year-old

"Really, I expected to be

Prix

close.



Chelsea's Nigel Spackmann (right) looks at Austria Wien's Igor Mjelde (centre) shooting at the Chelsea goal during the

goal by Lithuanian striker Arminas Narbekovas in the 73rd minute, then held on to repel several quality scoring chances by the Austrians over the final minutes.

The triumphs for Chelsea and Arseoal were the first hright moments in dour week four English clubs. Newcastle and Aston Villa were knocked out of the UEFA Cup-Tuesday, and Manchester United was blown away 4-0 hy Barcelona in the Champions League Wednesday.

In contrast, Spain's teams were 5-for-5 this week, capped by spanish league leader Zaragoza's 2-1 victory Thursday over Czech team Tatran

Argentine Jnan Eduardo Esoaider and Oscar Luis Celada scored for Zaragoza, which advanced on a 6-1 aggregate. Zaragoza hosted the game at Valencia becvause of UEFA sanctions against the club for the past crowd problems at its home

Io addition to Barcelona's victory in the Champions League, Spanish clubs Real

son of the late British cham-

pion Graham Hill, hidding

hard for his first world title.

"But tomorrow I want to be

on pole position and I think

If Schumacher wins the

race, the Britnn must come

second to keep the title con-

test alive going into the final Grand Prix of the year in

Schumacher's Benetton car

again proved better in

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has in most races this season,

against the Williams' power-

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Schumacher negotiated the

high G-force corners withnut

flinching on the twisty figure-

of-eight Suzuka track over

"I'm tntally satisfied. The

5.8 kilnmetres (3.6 miles).

car has heen nearly perfect from the first lap," said Schu-

ful Renault V-10 engine.

Australia November 13.

Schumacher takes provisional

pole for Japanese Grand Prix

Madrid, Athletic De Bilbao and Deportivo De La Coruna also won earlier in the week

round of the UEFA Cup. Results of European Cup Winsers' Cup and UEFA Cup second round, second leg soccer matches Thursday: Cup Winners' Cup

and advanced to the third

In Budapeset: Ferencyaros (Hungary) 2 FC Porto (Portugal) 0 (half time 1-0). Scorers: Gabor Zavadzky

(27th), Eugen Neagoe (59th) attendance; 10,000. Porto win 6-2 on aggregate In Vienna: Austria Vienna

(Austria) 1 Chelsea (England) 1 (0-1) Austria Vienna - Arminas Narbekovas (73rd)

Chelsea - Joho Spencer (40th), attendance: 25,000. Aggregate 1-1. Chelsea win on away goals rule In Auxerre: Auxerre

(France) 2 Besiktas (Turkey) 0 (1-0) Scorer: Sahri Lamouchi (45th, 49th), attendance:

macher who completed only

seven laps and used nnly a

His best lap, on which he averaged 217.165 kilometres

per hour, came on the third

lap. He made slight chassis

adjustments before going into the second run to find

the track clugged with rivals

Nnw, let's say, the pressure is

moving tn some one else,"

"There is a lot of pressure.

Fellow-German Heinz-

Harald Frentzen, a familiar

face on the Japanese F3000

circuit, surprised the crowd

with the third best qualifying

time of 1:37.742 in a Sauber

Former world champion

Nigel Mansell, hack in a Wil-

liams for the third time this

year, was the fourth fastest in

lap going, within nne tenth nf a second of Michael's time then I hit traffic," said Man-sell. "But we're there nr

thereabouts and I think we

He was six hundredths of a

secnnd ahead of Schu-

macher's British teammate

Johnny Herbert, another for-

mer Japanese F3000 regular,

who is no lnan from the Benetton-owned Ligier team

for the final two races.

can go better tomorrow."

"I had nne really fantastic

single set of tyres.

jostling for position.

Schumacher said.

Auxerre win 4-2 oo aggre-

Cup Winner's Cup second round, second leg match at the Ernst Happel Stadium on Thursday (AFP photo)

(1-2).

Scorers:

Scorers:

Arsenal

**UEFA** Cup

In Zurich: Grasshoppers Zurich (Switzerland) 3 Samp-doria (Italy) 2 (1-2).

Scorers: Grasshoppers — Ronald Willems (12th), Thomas Bickel (51st), Marcel Koller

Sampdoria -- Alessandro Melli (17th), Attilio Lombardo (40th) Attendance: 12,000 Sampdoria win 5-3 on

aggregate In Athens: Panathinaikos (Greece) 0 Clnh Brugge (Belgium) 0.

Attendance 70,00 Brugge win 1-0 on aggre-

In Valencia: Real Zaragoza (Spain) 2 Tatran Presov (Slovakia) 1 (1-1). Real Zaragoza -- Juan

Eduardo Esnaider (5th), Oscar Celada (56th). Tetran Presov - Velo Kocis (38th) Attendance: 9,000

Real Zaragoza win 6-1 on In Bremen: Werder Bremeo (Germany) 3 Feyenoord

of a decade ago.

Kentucky in November, this

This year there are six and

all are given a chance.

"You can make a case for

every horse from France and England," U.S. trainer Nick

Zitn added. "Areangnes wasn't even the best Euro-pean horse last year."

Zito is sending Kentucky

Dortmund (Germany) 3 Slovan Bratislava (Slovakia) 0 (1-0).Scorers: Andy Moeller (15th), Karlheinz Riedle (46th, 68th)

Rotterdam (Netherlands) 4

Werder Bremen — Vładi-mir Beschastnykh (12th, 60th), Mario Basler (90th).

Feyenoord — Henryk Larssson (21st, 34th, 66th pen), Ruud Heus (56th pen).

Feyeocord wio 5-3 on

aggregate In London: Arsenal (Eng-

land) 2 Brondby (Denmark)

(25th pen), Ian Selley (46th). Brondby — Bo Hansen (2nd, Dan Eggen (69th). Attendance: 32,290.

Arsenal win 4-3 on aggre-

In Dortmund: Borussia

- Ian Wright

Attendance: 31, 118

Attendance: 32, 534

# Dortmand win 4-2 on

## aggregate. English, French horses

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky Derby winner Go For Gin (R) - A startling move by into the Classic, but the horse the 133-1 Inngshot Arcangues has not won since the Derby at the close of last year's in May and was established at Breeders' Cup Classic finally transformed the race into the 20-1 odds by the track handicapper. Two of the Europeans in the race — Ezzoud ideal its originators dreamed and Grand Lodge - are also Because of Arcangues' vicrated at 20-1 hut four of the tory and the cool climate of invaders were cnnsidered

better chances to win than the Kentucky Derby chamyear the \$3 million classic, to be run Saturday, will be as close to a world cham-pionship as a horse race is Flag Down, with two races in America already, is given the best chance of the Eurolikely to be. peans in the classic. Most borses from Europe don't run It caps a seven-race, \$10 million card at Chnrchill on dirt and Flag Down was Downs that has attracted a no exception until he ran a record 27 horses who have solid third at Belmont in last done most of their running in

bid for richest U.S. race

mnnth's Jockey Cloh Gold Europe, six more than the Cup.
The second choice among the Transationic contingent. previous high in the 10 years of cup races.
The classic, run on the dirt Dernier Empereur, is sadat 1¼ miles, has for years been a major factor in decid-ing the U.S. burse in the dled hy Andre Fabre, the trainer of Arcangues. Millkom, another French camyear, but only Arcangues has paigner, is the winner of 10 nf 11 starts lifetime and will be put a foreign invader in the winner's circle. The race nevridden by Cash Asmussen, a. er drew more than three transplanted American now

based in Europe. The sixth European entered in the classic, Cezanne, has been lightly raced, starting his season in July for trainer Michael Stnute. Stonte is also saddling Ezzoud, whose last nuting brought a fourth place in the Arc de Triumph in Paris.

# Turkish giant-killers to face Lazio

GENEVA (R) — Turkish giant-killers Trahzonspor, surprise victors this week over England's Aston Villa, drew a testing assignment in the third round of the UEFA Cup Friday against Lazio of

In the draw for the last 16 that features four Italian teams, Juventus drew Admira Wacker of Austria and Parma found themselves up against Spain's Athletic

Napoli however, were given tougher opponents in Eintracht Frankfurt of Germany — winners of the tro-phy 14 years ago and arguably the most powerful of the eight unseeded teams.

Trahzonspor won their first-ever third-round place in the competition Tuesday, edging out Aston Villa on the away goals rule. Villa had previously dethroned holders Internazionale of Milan.

The victory made them heroes at home with a group of MPS proposing the Tur-kish parliament should give Trabzonspor 30 billinn lira (\$830,000) for their performance so far.

They now face a Lazio team who have made an impressive start in the Italian first division campaign, with five wins in their first eight games putting them second behind Parma.

Parma were drawn Friday against Bilbao, who also won through on the away goals rule after a 1-0 second-leg win at home to Newcastle left the aggregate score tied.

"After knocking out the English league leaders we are hoping to do the same to the Italians to make a dent among the greats of Euro-pean soccer," said Bilbao vice-president Domingo Guz-

Among the other thirdround ties, Spanish championship contenders Deportivo La Coruna were drawn against Germany's Borussia Dortmund. Another German team, 1988 winners Bayer Leverkusen, drew Katowice

French league leaders Nantes will face Sion — the small Swiss side which dumped Marseille nut the

competition. And the part-timers from Odense, the Danish town that is the birthplace of Hans Christan Andersen, saw their fairytale run threatened. After knocking Kaiserslautern out of the competition .Wednesday, the Danes now face Real Madrid.

for quarter-final qualifica-

In Paris, Brazilian star Rai conjured up a magical per-formance to see unbeaten Paris Saint Germain through to the quarter-finals of the European Champions

League.
The midfielder, set to be ditched after a disastrous debut season and luke-warm World Cup, was at the heart of the action as the depleted French side saw off Dynamo

The ties will be settled over two legs on November 22 and

December 6. In Barcelona, Wednesday, World Cup stars Romario and Hristo Stoichkov linked np superbly as Barcelona thrashed Manchester United 4-0 in the European Champions League.

Two goals from Bulgaria's Stoichkov and annther from the hrillian Brazilian put the Catalonians firmly on course

Their fourth win out of four gave them eight points and guaranteed them a place in the next round of the elite

competition. Paris Saint Germain began without international stars David Ginola (groin injury). Ricardo (hamstring) and Valdo (suspended), hut they totally dominated their opponents, who they had earlier beaten in the Ukraine.

## **STANDINGS**

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Barcelona	2	1 2	1	9	5	5
Manchester United	1	2	1	6	8	4
Galatasaray	0	1	3	1	4	1
Group B						
Paris St Germain	4	0	0	7	2	8
Revern Munich	0	0 2 2 0	1 2 3	4 6 4	2 5 8 6	8 . 2 . 2
Spartak Moscow	0	2	2	6	8	2
Spartak Moscow Dynamo Kiev	1	0	3	4	6	2
Group C						
Benfica	2	2	0	6	3	6
Hajduk Split	2 0	2 2 2 2	0 2 2	6 3 2 2	3 1 4 5	6 2 2
Steama Bucharest	0	2	2	2	4	2
Anderlecht	0	2	2	2	5	2
Group D						
Ajax	2	2	٥	5	2	6
AC Milan	2	<u>1</u>	1	5	3	3
Casino Salzburg	2 2 0	3	1	1	4	3
AEK Athens	Ŏ	1 3 2	1 1 2	5 5 1 2	2 3 4 4	6 3 3 2

# Top NBA players sitting out season opener

points

NEW YORK (AP) - Glenn Robinson is finally oo board with the Bucks.

court Friday might when the National Basketball Associatioo Season opens. Neither will a host of other notables, including Chris Mullin, Chris Wehber, Dennis Rodman, Alonzo Mourning, Roy Tar-pley and Brad Daugherty.

On the eve of the season opener, Robinson agreed to a 10-year contract believed to be worth between \$68 million and \$70.5 million, all guaran-

Mnllin, a five-time All-Star for Golden State who has missed large parts of the last two seasons with injuries, is sidelined once again, this time with a fractured left kneecap. He is to miss six to

Webher, last season's ladelphia's (2.29-metre) Cenafter becoming a restricted

free agent one year after signing a 15-year, \$74.4 million Rodman, who led the league in rebounding last year, has been suspended for three games by San Antonio

for refusing to play by team rules. And Mourning, Daugherty and Tarpley are The Charlotte Hornets now say Johnson is expected

to play in their opener at Chicago. But Mourning, hampered by a sore big toe, won't play Friday or in Saturday's home opener against the Cavaliers, Charlotte Coach Allan Bristow said. Another ailing player is

rookie of the year, hasn't tre plans on playing at home re-signed with Goldeo State Friday against the Bucks for Friday against the Bucks for the first time since spraining his left knee last month. "I want to play," said

Bradley, who missed the last 32 games last year after hurting the same knee. "I haven't played in a long time. I want to go."

Roman was ejected from an exhibition game last week after throwing ice in the direction of coach Boh Hill and an official. That plus nther transgressions prnmpted new general manager

Gregg Popovich to get tough. The Spurs want to start their season distraction free, even if it means doing without Rodman, who last year averaged 17.3 rebounds a

# Tyson to be top WBC contender on release from jail

contender for the World Boxing Council (WBC) crown on his release from jail early next year, the WBC said on Thursday.

A statement issued at a council meeting in Seville said an "nverwhelming majnrity" of the WBC board of governors had voted to reinstate Tyson as number one challenger. Tyson, whn was waiting for a title chance when jailed fnr

SEVILLE (R) — Firmer heavyweight champion Mike Tyson will be number one rape in 1992, is due out of prison in Indiana next spring, but promoter Dnn King has hut promoter Dnn King has said publicly he hopes the former champion will be freed before Christmas.

Tyson, seen as virtually in-vincible until dethroned hy James "Buster" Douglas in 1990, would be expected to gn through nne warm-up fight before a new title challenge, WBC President Jose Sulaiman told reporters.

Meanwhile, the WBC turned down a request from

Britain's Lennox Lewis for an immediate rematch with Oliver McCall of the United States, who stopped him to take the heavyweight title in a controversial decision in

September. Lewis claimed the referee was premature in stapping the cnntest after he was floored in round two.

But the council agreed that Lewis should fight the highest available contender before next March in a final elimina-

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BADALONA (R) - Dc-

fending champions Joven-tut Badalons slumped to a

shock home defeat at the

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Pilsen, going down 84-70, in

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The result puts Joventut,

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Joventut's problems be-

gan when they lost captain and playmaker Jordi Villa-

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Thursday.

Group B.

defeat for Maccabi at the hands of a Greek club after losing last week in Israel to Paok Salonika. Results of men's European Champion Clubs' Cup semi-

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62 in their Group A match. It was a second straight

Group A

In Madrid: Real Madrid (Spain) 88 Scavolini Pesaro (Italy) 75 (halftime 41-44)

Joventut Badalona lose again Leading scorers: Real Madrid — Arvidas

Sabonis 22, Antonio Martin I9. Joe Arlanckas 13. Scavolini — Walter Mag-nifico 22, Corey Gaines IO, Sandro Dell'angello 9. In Lisbon: Benfica (Por-

European Basketball Championship

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Group B In Leverkusen: Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) 77. Barcelona (Spain) 87 (43-

Leading scorers: Leverkusen — Harnisch 21, Garrick 20, Shamsid-

Barcelona — Martinez 24, Middleton 14, Montero

In Badalona: Joventut Badalona (Spain) 70 Efes Pilsen Istanbul (Turkey) 84 Leading scorers:

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## **Group Standings**

Group A

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Group B

Olympiakos (Greece) Barcelona (Spain) Istanbul (Turkey) Bologna (Italy) Cibona (Zagreh (Croatia) Limoges (France) Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) Joventut Badaiona (Spain)

## Ahli score big win, Jazireh defeat Watani

AMMAN (J.T.) - Al Ahli crushed Ho- In another match Al Jazireh scored a mentmen 135-26 Thursday in the opening 91-68 win over Al Watani, while Al Orthodoxi match of the Kingdom's 1st Division and Al Hussein match was postponed.

# Capriati will return next week

PHILADELPHIA (Agencies) — Jennifer Capriati, who has not played a WTA event in 14 months due to personal problems, will beturn next week at a \$750,000 tournament, organisers said Thursday.

Eighteen-year-old Capriati has struggled with personal and legal problems since dropping off the circuit after losing in the first round of the 1993 U.S. Open, including a

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East West vulnerable deals

May for possession of drugs. The 1992 Olympic cham-pion will accept a wild card invitation to play. Capriati, who joined the

WTA Tour at age 13, was burned out and depressed when she departed. Her struggles prompted the circuit to impose an age minimum of 16 years old starting next year.

"I was always expected to be at the top and if I didn't substance abuse treatment win, to me that meant I was a programme after arrested last loser." Capriati said. "I felt

would be endplayed when declarer was the are of spades, draws trumps and exits with a club. Since

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Now if declarer attempts to draw trumps. West will ruff the club and exit with the king of spades and the defenders will eventually get a spade trick for down one. However, declar-

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my parents and everybody else thought tennis was the way to make it life. I thought no one wanted to know the person who was behind my teonis life."

Eleven months ago she was arrested for shoplifting for what she said was accidentally taking a ring from a store. Last May, after moving into an apartment, Capriati was arrested at a motel with drugs and underwent a rehabibita-

Coetzer cruises iuto

In Quebec City, top seed Amanda Coetzer of South Africa took nine of the final ten games for a convincing 6-3 6-1 victory over Mercedes Paz of Argentina in secondround play at the \$150,000 Bell Challenge tournament



# Agassi set for ATP World Championship

PARIS (AFP) — Andre Agassi became the fifth player to qualify for next month's ATP World Championsbip finals in Frankfurt when he beat compatriot Todd Martin to reach the quarter-finals of the Paris Indoor Open late Thursday.

The eighth-seeded scored a 6-2, 7-5 win over compatriot Todd Martin to reach a quarter-final showdown at the \$2.25 million event against world number-one Pete Sampras.

And his relief and elation at reaching the world cham-pionship for the first time since 1991 were clear after a competent 1hr 21min victory.

"It's a big relief to have qualified for Frankfurt and it means 1 can relax and really go for my shots. When I'm confident there's no better player for me to face than the number-one player in the world. I'm really looking forward to it.

The other players already through to the elite eightman fioals are Sampras. Goran Ivanisevic, Sergi Bru-guera and Boris Becker, and all four showed their paces hy winning straight-set victories inside the grass-walled Bercy Stadium complex.

Boris Becker's awesome power rocked plucky Guy Forget back on his heels and sent France's last survivor crashing out of the tourna-

ment. The oew world number three, seeded sixth and bidding for his fourth victory in the event notched up a 7-5, 7-6 (73) victory and now plays Swiss number one Marc Rosset for a place in Saturday's semi-finals.

Becker, who celebrates his 27th birthday later this mooth and who is fresh from triumphing at last weekend's Stockholm Open, left nobody in any doubt of his title pre-

His first seven serves were all aces, and by the end of the one and a half hour match bis tally had risen to 22. Forget, 29. who staged a

brave comeback to top-flight tennis this summer after a year-long absence after a knee operation, tried desperately to stem the tide and fougth all the way.

But Becker's weight of shot made the difference and be always bad the 46thranked French left-hander under pressure.

Forget, whose ranking dropped out of the top I,000 during his lay-off and who was the world number-four back in 1991, played a sloppy service game to drop the 36minute first set. And although he saved three matches from 0-40 to hold serve and set up the secondset tie-break, the 1986, 1989 and 1992 champion served

out for the match. It was Becker's ninth career win over Forget in eleven matches.

Sampras beat dangerous sixteenth-seeded Dutch opponent Richard Krajicek 6-4, 7-6 (7 3) and defending champion Ivanisevic destroyed Swedish Davis Cup player Magnus Larsson by an identical scoreline after firing down 25 aces.

Krajicek produced the tournament's higgest serve, a 213kms per hoor effort in the second set, but the American always had the edge in the few rallies which puncuated a match of serve-andvollevers.

Like Forget, the other French players who had reached the last sixteen Lionel Roux and Cedric Pioline - bowed out.

There was no fairy-tale ending for French wild-card entry Roux who put out second seed Michael Stich in straight sets in the second round.

Facing - Switzerland's power-server Marc Rosset, the 21-year-old Frenchman was forced to retire after 35 minutes because of a wrist injury. He was trailing I-6.

"The wrist was giving me trouble in the final stages of the match against Sticb," be

"I could hardly hold the racket out there today, and you can't survive like that against somebody who serves as well and hits as bard as

Pioline's hopes of salvaging disastrous season with a good run in the event fell apart when he was beaten in straight-sets 6-4, 7-5 by seventh-seed Michael Chang.

The French player, who has slumped from ninth to 43rd in the world rankings this year, saved five match points - hut his effort came too late.



Andre Agassi

Chang, who still hopes jto take ooe of the three remaining places at Frankfurt, oow faces Ivanisevic who has gone oo record as referring to the Chinese American as a "mos-

"He is always running everywhere. You have to win each point three times when you play him," grumbled the

Petr Korda produced the day's biggest upset and sowed the first seeds of doubt in the mind of Russia's Davis Cup hero Yevgency Kafelnikov by toppling the twelfth seed 6-4. 6-2 - a defeat which all but ended the Russian player's hopes of qualifying for Frankfurt.

Kafelnikov, who has charged spectacularly up the rankings from outside the top 100 at the start of the season to just ootside the top ten, and who has been the inspiration behind Russia's arrival in their first-ever Davis Cup final, was clearly shaken by the

His temper flared several times in the hour-long eocounter and he was lucky to escape a warning after throw-ing his racket and slamming a ball out of court in frustra-

After his first-round victory against Switzerland's ex-perieoced Jakob Hlasek, Kafelnikov said he liked the court conditions and expected to do "really well."
The Czecb left-hander,

who only rejoined the tour one month ago after a long absence because of hip and groin iojuries sustained at the French Open, now plays Sergi Bruguera.

Bruguera found be could show oo complacency when he faced Australian Mark Woodforde in the day's opening match.

Woodforde, bester known as a doubles specialist, had put former world number one Jim Courier oot 24 hours earlier and be got off to a superb start by forging 3-0 Bruguera, however, reco-

vered his poise and scored a 6-4, 6-4 win against an opponent who had never taken a

encounters. What they's been saying at this week's \$2.25 million Paris Indoor Open:. ... "My physique is stronger. My legs are stronger. I can jnmp higher on the serve. My

set from him in the previous

back is stronger. I can hit harder." — Boris Becker, asked the secret after his recent run of successes which have propelled him back to number three in the rankings. "Next year I'll be playing more on clay. The French is one of the top items on the list. It is the one event I haven't won. I think I'm getting better on the surface." World number one Pete

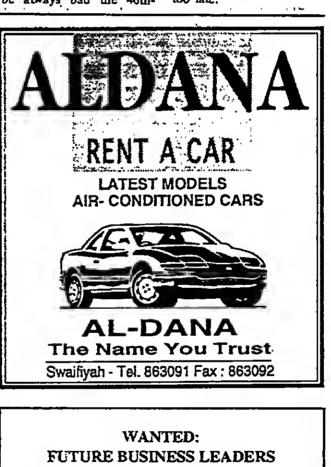
"I am going to get some tapes of Steffi Graf and Fam going to try to play like her so the public will be really excited for an hour and ten minutes watching a three set match. If that's what they want, that's what they get.

 Former world number one Jim Courier asked how he would adapt to the ITF's new 20-seconds limit between

"The new rules state that we have to play when there are people yelling. Jim knows that. If it had happened to him he would have walked off and left me standing there." — Australian Mark Woodforde after winning a set when Courier offered stroke because of crowd

"I personally think it's too young. But I wish her well. Hopefully she has all the guts and luck and the good pareothood and everything ...hut it is going to be a long, toogh road." — Becker, on the professional debut of 14year-old American Venus Williams on the women's

"I thick it's great for France. I think it would be a similar equivalence if we oamed John McEnroe as our captain." - Andre Agassi on the appointment of Yannick Noah as France's Davis Cup



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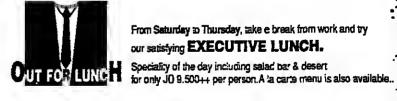
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# U.N. force to leave Somalia by March 31

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — The United Nations will withdraw all its peacekeeping troops from Somalia by March 31, the Security Council decided Fri-

day. solution saying that the U.N. operation mandate for Somalia would be extended to that date, but not beyond it, and -that its primary purpose would be "to facilitate pohtical reconciliation."

The resolution says that every effort will be made to withdraw the 15,000 U.N. peacekeeping troops by March 31 "in a secure and

-orderly manner. . This is by no means assured since Somali warfords who have repeatedly thwarted efforts to establish a transitional government may try to loot the departing U.N.

About 15,000 U.N. troops remain out of a force which at one poiot grew ro more thao 29,000, sent to rescue Somalis from famine and chaos in which hundreds of thousands died and more than a million fled to neighbouring countries after the downfall of President Siad Barre in 1991.

. The Security Council, in a unanimous resolution, renewed their mandate "for a final period" until the end of next March.

Secretary-General Boutros Ghali said in a recent report the U.N. Operation in Soma-lia (UNOSOM II) would need oaval and air reinforcements in case it had to withdraw 'in face of hostile actioo by Somali factions and/ or widespread handitry."

The council resolution says absence of progress in recon-ciling the rival factions "bas fundamentally undermined the United Nations objectives in Somalia" so that "Continuation of UNOSOM ..II beyond March 1995 cannot be jostified."

In Mogadishu, factions allied with warlord General Mohammad Farah Aigeed promised on Friday to cooperate: to allow an orderly withdrawal of U.N. forces from Somalia.

But they hit out at UN-OSOM for boycotting a disputed conference held by them and condemned U.N. special envoy Victor Gbeho for saying it was a recipe for new conflict.

The statement by Gen. Aideed, who escaped capture by U.N. forces hunting him last year, and bis allies came shortly before the Security Council voted for the U.N.

force puli-out by March 31. Gen. Aideed's Somali National Alliance (SNA) and allied factions attending what they bill as a national reconciliation conference this week said they were intent oo advancing the peace process.

"We assure the international community and the Security Council in particular of our full cooperation to actualise an orderly and a progressive phasing out of the military component of UNOSOM in advance of 31 March 1995," the statement

"We are ready to create the security conditions that will facilitate this withdrawal.

"We appeal to the Security Council to scrutinise the role of the leadership of UN-OSOM and reevaluate its actual intentions and activities in further peace and re-conciliation," it said. U.N. envoy Ghbeho warned

on Wednesday that a decision by factions loyal to Gen. Aideed to organise the "unilateral" peace conference which excluded rival groups was likely to lead to fresh bloodshed

Mr. Gbeho said the "national reconciliation conference" convened by Gen.

(Continued on page 7)



FLOODS IN GAZA: A Palestinian directs traffic in a flooded street in Gaza City in autonomous Gaza Strip on Thursday. A freak storm, hitting the near east and causing

extensive damage, affected several countries in the region including, Egypt, Israel and Jordan (see page 1) (AFP

# Rabbani forces foil opposition assault

KABUL (AP) — Opposition forces launched a ground attack backed hy heavy shelling at dawn Friday, but suffered beavy losses and were repulsed by government troops in the southwest of the capital, officials said.

The fierce battle lasted throughout the morning and into the afternoon as rockets and mortars crashed into the city at the rate of two or three

President Burbanuddin Rahbani's troops and the maio opposition group, led by renegade Prime Minister Gnlhuddin Hekmatyar, have been battling for control of the southwest of Kabul for the past seven weeks, with little change in the positions.

Mr. Hekmatyar's men infiltrated the area overnight and began their attack at dawn, according to Dr. Abdullah, a spokesman for

the government army.
"We knew about their movements in the night, the attack was stopped and they were pushed back," said Dr. Abdnllah, who like many Afghans is known by only one name, "There are a lot of dead bodies from their side." No precise casualty figures were available.

Mr. Hekmatyar and his allies are entrenched on Kabul's outskirts hut they have been unable to push their way into the city despite heavy fighting throughout the

The two sides are separated by only a few hundred metres on the front line in the southwest. Almost all the civilians have fled the area and most of the bouses and buildings have been reduced to rubble.

While ground assaults are relatively rare, both sides exchange rocket, mortar and tank rounds daily. The shelling was particularly heavy Friday morning and many of Hekmatyar's rockets fell in civilian areas of the city.

The Rabbani government is expected to respond soon to the latest United Nations Mehmoud Mestiri outlined the plan during recent visits to Afghanistan, where he met

with faction leaders. The plan calls for a transfer of power from the Rabbani government - which has little power at present -- ro an interim national commission made up of leaders from the various factions and other

## Morocco says French gangster had stolen ID

RABAT (R) — Francois Besse, one of France's most wanted criminals, bad a stolen passport and was accompanied by a woman posing as his wife when he was arrested in Morocco, officials said on Friday.

Interior Ministry sources quoted by the official news agency Map said that when Besse was arrested on Thursday near the northern city of Tangier he had a stolen passport in the name of Carlos Juan Garcia Durand, a driving licence in the name of Jean Estella and a sum of foreign currency.

Under sentence of death in France, Besse, former righthand man of the notorious French gangster Jacques Mesrine, is wanted on a string of charges in France where police believe be was involved recently in drug smuggling from Morocco.

Arrested at the same time was a woman companion posing as his wife and carrying an identity card in the name of Marcelle Adelida Soisic Levebre. The source did not give the

circumstances of their arrest, but French police sources said he was captured in a restaurant in the small fishing rillage of Fnideq, east of Tangier.

Moroccan police earlier said Besse was arrested while attempting to board an international flight at the Tangier airport.

At a news conference in Paris, Ange Mancini, deputy director of crimical justice, said three other wanted criminals were arrested at the same time, two Moroccans and a French citizen named

Stephane Delavi. Mr. Mancini said besse, 50, was sighted in Morocco two weeks ago and bis arrested was the result of "exemplary cooperation" between French, Spanish and Moroc-

Mr. Mancini said Besse was not armed and did not try to resist" arrest.

Mr. Besse met Mesrine in La Sante Prison in Paris f rom where they escaped together in 1978 when they emharked on a joint campaign of armed hold-ups which ended when Mesrine was shot dead in a police ambush io 1979.

Mr. Besse made six jail breaks io his career, the most sensational from the main court huilding Brussels, after his arrest in Belgium in 1979. He took a magistrate bos-tage with a pistol which was taped under his seat in the

courtroom by a girlfriend. Mr. Besse had not been seen since his escape from a spanish prison in 1983. His trail was found again earlier this year when his fingerprints were found in western France where he was believed to have held up a bank and disarmed several police-

hooded gunmen killed two Spanish tourists in the lobby of a luxury hotel in the southern city of Marrakesh, Moroccan police have arrested a dozen suspects of Moroccan or Algerian origin

resident in France. There is no indication that Besse and his associates were in any way connected with the so-called subversives.

## Fateh holds **elections** in W. Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

(AP) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chair-

man Yasser Arafat's Fateh

faction moved to silence in-

tions in the West Bank dis-

trict of Ramallah on Friday.

force Fateh to compete for

government leadership as a

political party for the first

Behind the closed doors of

the city theatre, Fateh activ-

ists listeoed to some of the

candidates for 45 positions

speak about the importance

of all 620 members pulling

together. Results of the poli-

ing are due by Saturday.
One activist reported that

those attending were all con-

cerned that continued squab-

bling over leadership posi-

tions would fragment Fatch,

which makes up the majority

of Mr. Arafat's self-rule gov-

There were also concerns

Fateh popular support.

"Fatch, the leading faction in the Palestinian National

Authority, must also be the

leading movement in the

Palestiniao society," said

Mr. Salameb added that

Friday's elections were also

an attempt to prove to the people that Mr. Arafat did

not plan an autocratic rule.
"If we are not democratic

within the movement, we will

never be democratic in deal-

ing with our people," Mr. Salameh told the Associated

Similar elections will be

held throughout the West

Bank every Friday until more

than 5,000 activists elect lead-

ers in nine districts in the

West Bank. The next slated

polling will be in Tulkarm on

Palestinians have heavily

criticised Mr. Arafat's arbit-

rary appointments of local

leaders and public officials.

especially the practice of

naming more than one per-

Mr. Arafat further slighted

local Palestinians by appoint-

ing many followers from

abroad to the Palestinian au-

thority over those who lived

through the Israeli occupa-

tion and the seven-year upris-

These policies have caused

a "lot of squabbling and fric-tioo amoog Fatch leaders

who belong to various wings

in the movement," said

Hatem Abdul Qader, an offi-

ciall at the Palestinian Media

Mr. Arafat has already

named himself president of

the would-be Palestioiao

state. However, he agreed to

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## Mother confesses to killing sons

UNION, South Carolina ternal dissent by holding elec-(AFP) — A woman who said her two sons, aged three and 14 months, were abducted in a carjacking was arrested Thursday after confessing to group's initial step towards general balloting that will killing them, according to her arrest warrant. Susan Smith was arrested and will be charged on two counts of murder Friday io the deaths of her children, Michael, 3, and Alexander, 14 months, Union County Sheriff Ho-ward Wells said. It was the second case of abducted childreo reported io receot weeks to capture the country's saympathies - and to end in a parent's arrest on murder charges. A nine-day interstate search for the boys ended with the grim confession of Mrs. Smith, who told police were to locate her missing car in John D. Long Lake. Mrs. Smith, 23, had told police that a black gunman had jumped into her that the friction was costing 1990 burguody Mazda while she sat at a stoplight near the lake on Oct. 25. She said he forced her ot drive a few kilometres and then ordered her out, driving off with her two young sons still strapped m their safety seats. The arrest warrant shows that Michael and Alexander died Oct. 25. Two bodies found in the back seat of Mrs. smith's car will undergo antopsies, Sheriff Wells said. During the past nine days Mrs. Smith and her estranged husband, David, had appeared oo nationwide televisioo several times, tearfully pleading for the boys' return and asking for prayers for their safety. Speculation began to grow about Susan Smith's role in the incident after she reportedly took two lie-detector tests and showed deceptioo in both of them. Wednesday, investigators searched her home and removed some unidentified items. They refused to say what they were looking for. Divers had searched John D. Long Lake several times in the past nine days before another search Thursday turned up ber car.

### U.K. clamps down on steroids

LONDON (R) - The British government Wednesday announced tough new controls oo anabolic steroids used by athletes and bodybuilders to boost their performances. The proposals. announced by Interior Minister Michael Howard, would make it a crime to produce, possess or trade in steroids. Suppliers of the drug could face up to five years in prison and an unlimited fine if found guilty. "These measures will help to stop the activities of the unscrupulous illicit suppliers and traffickers which feed anabolic steroid misuse," Mr. Howard said in a statement. Mr. Howard warned that if the ocw cootrols are not effective, the government will consider even tougher measures. Steroid abuse can cause heart and liver problems, as well as causing mood swings and aggressive bebaviour. Athletes use the drug to build up muscles and to allow them to increase their training load. The most notorious example was Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson, who was stripped of his 100 metres gold medal after testing positive for drugs at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul. Britain's Sports Couocil has said that despite media reports of new 'space-age" drngs, steroid abuse is still a big problem. But some council members have expressed concern that tougher government mea-sures could just drive the problem underground.

### Mr. Universe held In S. Africa over banned steroids

PRETORIA (R) - South African police said Friday they had arrested newlycrowned Mr. Universe and a former Mr. Sooth Africa after the men were found in possession of illegal steroids. The police said Mr. Universe Nick Van Benck, a former Mr. South Africa Jacobus (Tikkie) Joubert and bodybuilder Eugene Van Der Westhuizen were arrested by the police narcotics burean in Pretoria Thursday. Police Captain Dave Harrington said some of the performance-and body-enhancing steroids seized from the men were unknown in South Afri-

# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Israeli-allied gunman, guerrilla killed

MARJAYOUN, Lehanon (R) - Guerrillas set off a bomb near an Israeli-allied militia patrol in South Lebanon oo Friday, killing one militiaman, security sources said. They said the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militiaman suffered severe wounds and died later from the blast in Kfar Houneh in Israel's occupation zone. In an earlier incident, SLA sources said one guerrilla was killed when a guerrilla force clashed at dawn with SLA troops manning Beit Yahoun crossing point leading into the zone's western sector. In reprisal to the Kfar Houneh attack, Israelil and SLA forces opened up with artillery onto guerrilla-held hills facing the village, the security sources added. No group claimed responsibility for Friday's attacks, but on Thursday the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God), which raids the Israelis and SLA in the zone daily, claimed responsibility for assaults on four SLA Posts, including Beit Yahoun.

## Morocco, Israel to cooperate over energy

RABAT (AFP) - Morocco and Israel are discussing joint energy projects including the construction of a power station using bitumen deposits in southern Morocco, officials said. Morocco's national electricity company (ONE) issued a statement saying it was to commission a feasibility study from the Israeli PAMA company for a power station at Tarfaya, southern Morocco. The project was proposed by one at this week's Middle East economic summit in Casablanca. PAMA is one of several partners in a cooperation agreement about to be concluded, according to an official statement. Moroccan technicians in Sept. visited PAMA installations producing electricity from Bitumen deposits at Rotem in Israel. Tarfaya power station had a planned production capacity of 75 megwatts.

## U.S. carrier, British frigate pass through Suez

SIJEZ (AP) - The U.S. aircraft carrier George Washington and British frigate Cornwall, which had been dispatched to the Gulf last month to counter an Iraqi troop buildup, passed Friday through the Suez Canal en route to the Mediterranean. The USS George Washington carries nearly 50 fighter jets as well as reconnaissance planes, while the HMS Cornwall specialises in anti-submarine warfare. Both were sent to the Gulf last month after Iraq moved more than 70,000 troops towards the Kuwaiti border. Western allies of Kuwait moved air, land and sea units to the region to prevent a repeat of Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait. The Pentagon at one time had 150,000 troops on alert for possible deployment, but the oumber now is not expected to grow higher than 34,000. The troops

in the area will conduct training exercises before withdrawing, the Pentagon has said.

## Yemen minister begins visit

AMMAN (Petra) - Yemeni Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Mobammad Abdullah Al Batni arrived here Friday on a several day official visit to Jordan during which he will hold talks with senior Jordanian officials on means of echancing relations in labour and social affairs. In an arrival statement, Mr. Batni said his visit comes in response to an invitacion extended to him by his Jordanian counterpart Mohammad Al Sqour.

## Israel, Turkey sign counter-terrorism accord

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller and her Israeli counterpart Yitzhak Rabin have signed a police cooperation agreement on counter-terrorism, crime and drug trafficking, officials said Friday. "Israel has already reached similar understandings with Great Britain, France, Germany and other countries," a senior official said after the signing ceremony on Thursday oight. The agreement covers embassy protection but does not involve Israel in the conflict between Turkey and Kurdish oationalists, underlined the official, who refused to be named. The two countries also signed telecommunication and postal accords and are negotiating a deal for Israel to update Turkey's F4 Phantom aircraft. Terrorism dominated talks Ms. Ciller held Friday with Foriegn Minister Shimon Peres. officials added. Mr. Peres accused Iran at being "the centre of the spider's web of international terrorism," officials said. Ms. Ciller, who arrived Friday as the first Turkish prime minister to visit the Jewish state, meets Yasser Arafat in Gaza City on Saturday and goes on to Egypt. She went with Mr. Rabin to a Tel Aviv suburb on Friday to meet representatives of Israel's 80,000-strong Jewish community of Turkish origin.

## Kurds receive Norwegian award

BERGEN, Norway (AFP) - Teenagers Ruken Zana, 13, and Ronay Zana, 18, on Friday won the Rafto Award on behalf of their imprisoned mother, Turkish parliamentarian Leya Zana, a symbol of the Kurdish struggle for democracy and human rights. The Raftol Award oo Human Rights has won international prestige and is handed out every year on Nov. 4 to commemorate the death of Professor Thorolf Rafto in Bergen. The two teenagers live in Paris where they go to school. Last week Ronay Zana was able to see his mother in the Ankara

### tale to confessing to killing 2 sons UNION, South Carolina (AP) — She spun a heartthing. The scene was repeated still so willing to believe it." wheo she arrived at the Union courthouse. "Hold your head up you're a bahy mnrderer," shouted Gloria

Mother said to switch 'carjacking'

breaking tale of being dumped on a lonely road by a carjacker who abducted her two young sons. On Friday, and covered her face as she arrived at the courthouse to face murder charges.

Susan Smith, who faces two counts of murder, was supposed to have a bond hearing Friday. But her lawyer, David Bruck, waived that and she did not appear in the courtroom during the two-minute session. Circuit Judge Larry Patterson ordered that she remain in custody without bood.

Mr. Bruck is a deathpenalty expert. Solicitor Thomás Pope, the local prosecutor, had said he would consider seeking the death penalty. against Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Smith, whose tearful

pleas for her sons' return inspired a nadonwide vigil, confessed to killing threeyear-old Michael and 14month-old Alex, according to an arrest warrant. And the nine day search by authorities and hundreds of volunteers ended where their notber's story began: At John D. Long Lake. Mr. Bruck would not dis-

suss la possible defence trategy or other aspects of he case. All be would say bont. Mrs. Smith was that she is heartbroken." Mis. Smith, who is white,

lescribed the carjacker as an inned black man wearing a mit cap. Police circulated a compo-

ite sketch based on Mrs. mith's description of the Heged kidnapper, and peole called in tips from around ne country. People in Union raged prayer vigils, hung yelnw ribbons and posted picires of the children. Emotions were high Friday

Mrs. Smith was driven om the York county detenon centre in Rock Hill, here she was held overight, to the courthouse in nion, in northwestern anth Carolina.

Fifteen to 20 people watchi as Mrs. Smith, covering or face with her manacled inds, took a few steps from ie jail to an unmarked lice car waiting to take her y Union, about 65

lometres away. "I bope you get what you serve" one of the spectars shouted. "You deserve natever you get," another id. Mrs. Smith said oo-

Because of local officials' concerns for her safety, Sonth Carolina Governor Carroll Campbell said he bad signed an order transferring Mrs. Smith to state custody at the womeo's correctional centre north of Columbia. Mrs. Smith's burgundy 1990 Mazda was pulled out of the lake Thursday night, the

back seat. Uoion County Sheriff Howard Wells would not take quescions at a news conference and did not discuss a possible motive. He said the dentity of the bodies would have to be confirmed through

bodies of two children in the

an autopsy. The autopsy also was expected to determine whether the boys died in the lake or were killed beforehand. It was completed at 4 a.m. Friday at the medical university of South Carolioa in Charleston, according to school spokesman Jeff Watkins. He would not comment on the

The Cable News Network, citing an unidentified source. said Mrs. Smith became a strong suspect when investigators fond a letter from a boyfriend telling her he wanted to be with her but he "did not want any kids around." The boyfrieod was not identified.

Mrs. Smith was extremely upset that she had broken up with the boyfriend about a week earlier, and part of the problem was that he was not fond of children, the (Columbia) State Newspaper

Residents of this mill town who searched and prayed for the children reacted with anger and bitterness. Dozens of people outside the county courthouse gasped and sobbed when the charges were announced on Thursday.

Gilliam Edward, who is black, said Mrs. Smith's use of a black man as a scapegoat exemplified the racial problems still existing in Union and in the south.

"Everyone was so willing to believe that a black man had stolen this white lady's kids," said Edward. "The problem is that America still portrays black men as thugs and criminals and everyone is

Presideot Clioton was asked to comment about the case and praised the people of the community who organised the search and in other about the children.

"It is very important that they not feel in any way that their efforts are diminished,"

he said. Mrs. Smith's confession led investigators to her car Thursday afternoon. It had been driven off a boat ramp. Divers had searched the lake several times, but the water was too murky to see the car, authorities said.

Authorities said they had oot completed their lovestigation but were not inclined to think that Mrs. Smith's estranged husband, David, or others would be implicated. Mr. Smith's mother, Bar-

bara Benson of Garden City. said her son is devastated. "He's locked in a room and he won't even talk to his father," she said. She said she had no idea what could be behind the deaths.

The unravelling of Mrs. Smith's story is similar to the 1989 Charles Stuart murder case in Boston. Stuart, a white man, told police a black man shot bis pregnant wife to death. Stuart later jumped to his death from a bridge as invesogators zeroed in on him as the killer.

Mrs. Smith, 23, told authorities an armed black man jumped into her car at a stoplight in a sparsely populated area at the edge of town near the lake. She said he ordered her to drive several kilometres, then forced her out and took off with her two sons still strapped in their safety seats.

"Our lives have been torn apart by this tragic event," Mrs. Smith said earlier this week, ber husband by her side. "I can't express how much they are waoted back

home. As late as Tuesday, Mr. Wells said he was treating the case "as a carjacking that happened as it was reported," although investigators were perplexed about how the car and the boys could have disappeared so completely.

On Wednesday, police searched Mrs. Smith's home and took several bags. The Smiths filed for divorce in September, Mrs. Smith was granted custody of

the two children and her hus-

band had visitation rights.

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